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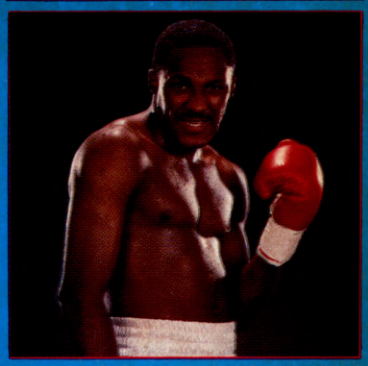

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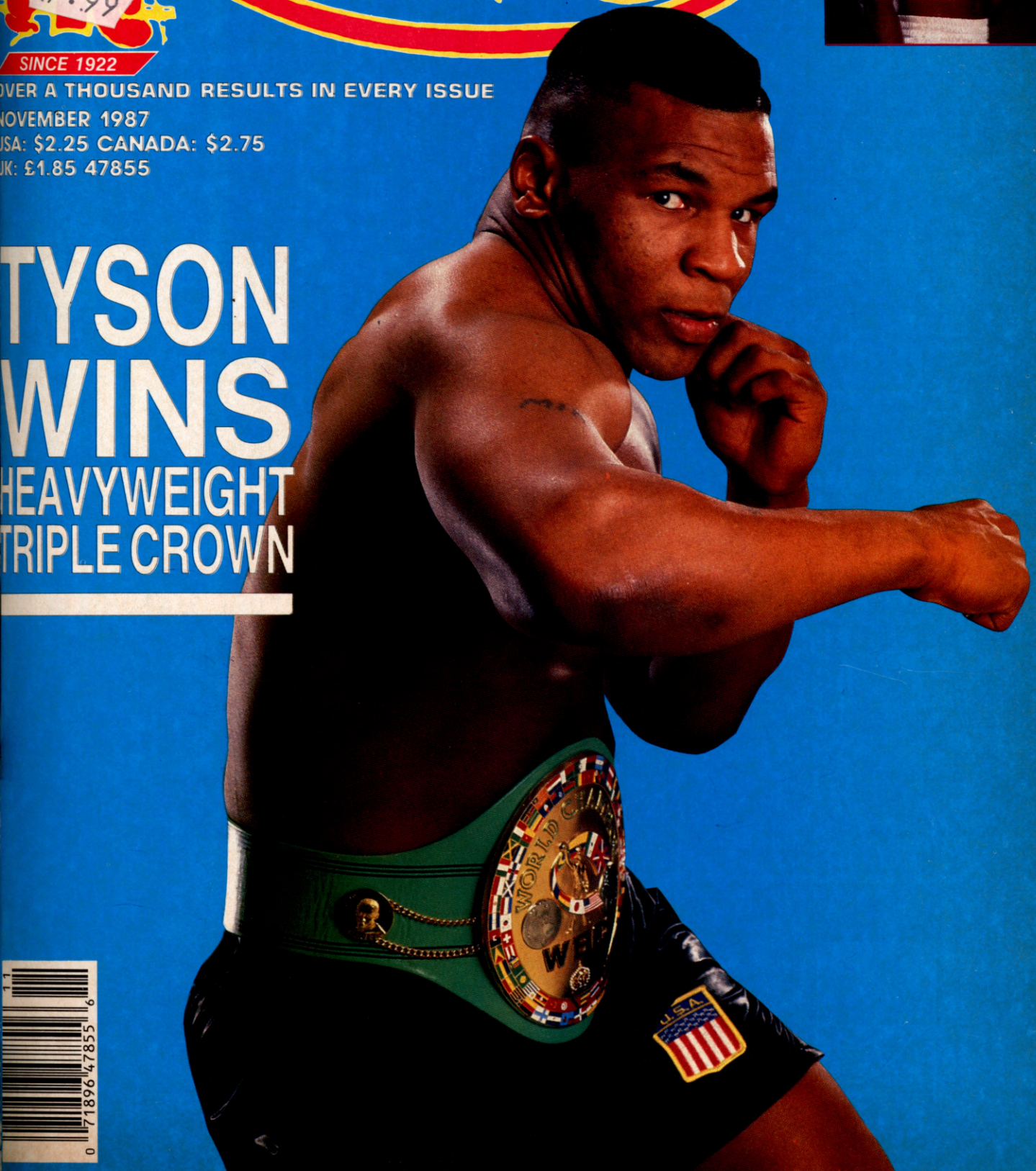

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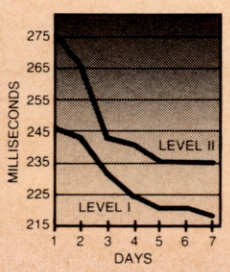

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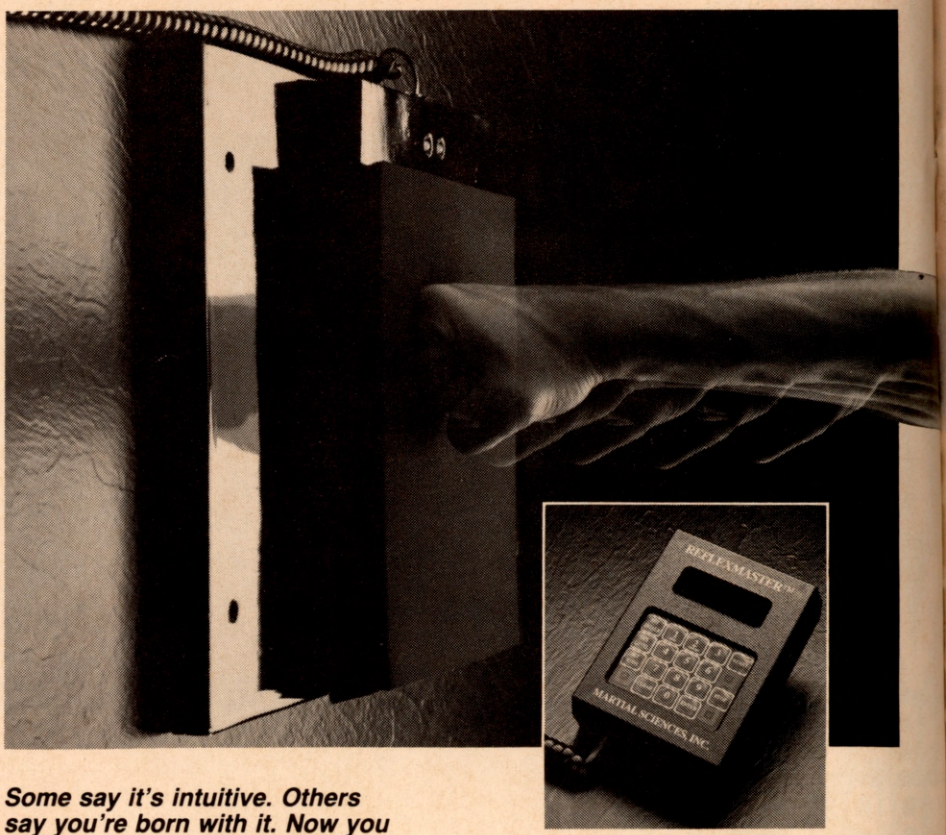

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RingSide

Boxing makes me happy, boxing makes me sad. But most of all, boxing never ceases to amaze me with its paradoxical nature. One is never sure whether bouquets or boos are in order. Here are a few of each:

* Jeers to all the members of the print and electronic media (you know who you are) who blithely spouted the party line and called Mike Tyson the "undisputed" heavyweight champion following his victory over Tony Tucker. Haven't they ever heard of Michael Spinks?

* Cheers to ABC-TV for having the integrity to give both sides of the argument when Spinks and Tyson were guests on the network's prime time replay of the Spinks-Cooney and Tyson-Thomas bouts.

* Jeers to the WBA's Gilberto Mendoza and the IBF's Bob Lee for caving in to pressure from the WBC's Jose Sulaiman to cut the Tyson-Tucker match from the originally scheduled distance of 15 rounds to 12. That's why we call them the "Alphabet Boys."

* Cheers to Muhammad Ali for leasing his Deer Lake training camp, at a token price of $1.00 per year, to a group providing shelter and counseling to troubled young women and their children. That's why we call him "The Greatest."

* Jeers to New Jersey referee Paul Venti for awarding John Miller a TKO win after "Jammin' John" blatantly punched opponent "Rattlesnake" Ray Fenix while Fenix was on the floor. Yo Paul, this is pro boxing, not rasslin'. Maybe the nicknames had you confusd?

* Cheers to ESPN's Al Bernstein for letting the TV viewers know, in no uncertain terms, that Miller should have been disqualified. Go get 'em, Al!

* And finally, jeers to the inflationary spiral which has boosted the cost of paper and forced us to raise the price of *The Ring* 25 cents.

That's all folks. See you next month. □

Nigel Collins

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COME OUT WRITING

Not all of our readers agreed with THE RING'S rating of heavyweight champions, but at least we made Kansas City's Jerry Gomberg happy. See "The Endless Argument" for details.

THE RECOGNITION FACTOR

IN THE JUNE '87 ISSUE OF *THE RING*, Mark Breland, in response to claims that "some people say Honeyghan is the real champ," replied: "I don't care, more people know Mark Breland than Lloyd Honeyghan anyway." In view of his attitude, I feel it is only fair to recognize Liz Taylor as the true WBA welterweight champion on the grounds that more people know her than Breland. I'm sure Mark would be the first to congratulate Liz on her marvelous achievement.

EUGENE J. RUANE
Liverpool, England

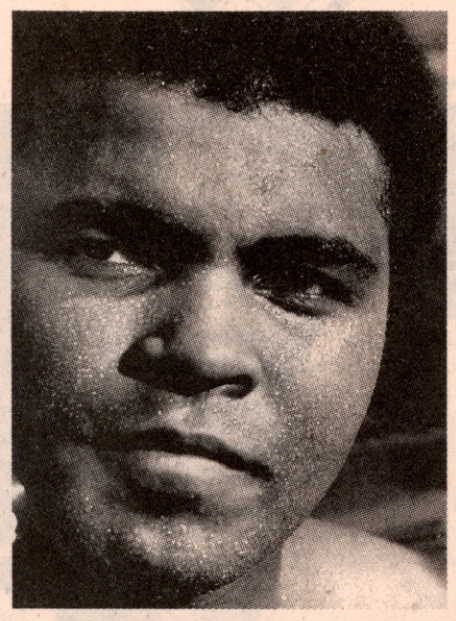
Editor's Note: Good point, Eugene, especially now that Liz can make the 147-pound division limit again.

THE ENDLESS ARGUMENT

THE RATING OF MUHAMMAD ALI BY *The Ring* (August '87) as the greatest heavyweight who ever lived was long overdue. I commend your magazine for finally having the gumption to do so.

JERRY GOMBERG
Kansas City, Missouri

RATING THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPS in the August issue was interesting and will be sure to create controversy. The only real way to tell who was better than who would be to have each of the champs fight it out. This is impossible, so the ratings are just opinion. However, after having watched, studied and bet on fights for 50 years, there is no way I'd pick Muhammad Ali as the best. The Joe Louis of the second Max Schmeling fight would have destroyed Ali just as quickly.



Louis was a super fighter, in a class by himself.

JOHN FORDE
Philadelphia, Pa.

I'VE JUST FINISHED READING YOUR article in the August '87 issue rating the heavyweight champions. I can't believe such an outstanding magazine would have such absurd ratings. First of all, to rate Jack Johnson among the modern heavyweights is ridiculous. He was a turn-of-the-century fighter who fought with his hands in a circular motion as a defense. He would have been ripped to shreds by such modern power punchers as Louis, Marciano or Dempsey. Muhammad Ali would have boxed circles around him.

Here's my top 10 heavyweight champs:

1. Joe Louis
1. Rocky Marciano
1. Muhammad Ali (in any order, as it is futile to separate the three.)
4. Jack Dempsey
5. Gene Tunney
6. Joe Frazier
7. Sonny Liston
8. Larry Holmes
9. Max Schmeling (only for his win over Louis)
10. Ezzard Charles

GARY M. DIMURA
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY

LARRY HOLMES' RETIREMENT WENT by practically unnoticed in *The Ring* magazine, which I regret. Surely such a great champion deserved more of a farewell. I remember you published a 14-page tribute to Roberto Duran in the very issue you reported his kayo loss to Hearns. I had expected something similar in Holmes' case.

NIEK BEDERE
The Netherlands

Editor's Note: As you have probably noticed, the Hearns defeat was hardly Duran's final bout and the tribute was a tad premature. Therefore, we intend to wait a while before honoring Holmes with a big spread. As I wrote in my March '87 "Ringside" editorial, "I wouldn't be too surprised to see Larry lace 'em up again . . . especially if the price is right."

GIVE ANDRIES HIS DUE

I HAVE JUST READ YOUR RINGSIDE report for the Thomas Hearns-Dennis Andries WBC light heavyweight title fight (July '87). Reporter Dave Hartoon states that Andries fought like a clumsy clubfighter. Okay, Andries is crude, but such a brave performance should not go uncredited. Andries fought like a true champion. When others would have quit, Andries went on fighting. By today's pugilistic standards, this was a great attempt to salvage pride and title.

SIMON THOMPSON
Nottingham, England

P.S.
Your new ratings are great. Hopefully, everyone will adopt your attitude, which can only be good for boxing, boxers and fans, but bad for the Alphabet Boys.

Round One

by Phill Marder

A HAZZARDOUS PRECEDENT

The New Jersey Athletic Commission, now under the guidance of **Larry Hazzard,** has provided a standard for excellence since the coming of casinos to Atlantic City.

However, Hazzard does have a tendency to be somewhat overbearing at times. Case in point, the recent ESPN match between **Fred Pendleton** and **Ronald Haynes.**

In the third round, Pendleton dropped Haynes twice. One more knockdown and the bout would be over under New Jersey's three-knockdown in one round rule. Lo and behold, Haynes rallied back, giving Pendleton fits and exciting the crowd.

But, as the bell drew closer, Haynes, in his aggression, walked smack into a Pendleton right hand that sent him stumbling backward and to the canvas.

Referee **Tony Perez** correctly signaled the bout over, much to the dismay of Haynes, who got up quickly after his third trip to the deck. Pendleton's corner celebrated and began removing Freddie's gloves. The crowd was unhappy as a good scrap had come to a sudden conclusion, but a rule is a rule.

Suddenly, confusion reigned. Hazzard, from his ringside seat, ordered Perez to continue the match, declaring the third knockdown a slip. Others at ringside also felt Haynes had been off-balance and had slipped.

But, television replays clearly showed the knockdown was a result of a clean right hand flush on the jaw. The magic of video left not one iota of doubt.

Nevertheless, after quite a delay to re-lace Pendleton's gloves, the round was continued to conclusion. Pendleton eventually knocked out Haynes in the sixth round.

After, ESPN's **Al Bernstein** interviewed Pendleton, who said he thought he had connected with a good right, a fact clearly supported by the replay. But Hazzard, when interviewed by Bernstein, said from his angle it was clearly a slip that Perez was not in position to see.

It was bad enough that Pendleton had to win the fight twice. Some justice was served when he did. It was also bad enough that Hazzard overruled Perez, one of boxing's most experienced and talented referees.

But the worst part of the whole deal was Hazzard's refusal to acknowledge he may have been wrong not only in overruling his referee but in what he saw. After Hazzard made his original comment on his view of what happened, Bernstein and Hazzard watched the replay together.

All Hazzard had to say was, "Oops, there was a clean punch. I guess I was wrong. It's a good thing Pendleton eventually won." Instead, he denied the evidence presented by the replay, still insisting the knockdown was the result of Haynes being off-balance and slipping.

Hazzard's performance certainly didn't enhance his standing or the credibility of the commission. Perhaps he should keep in mind he does not have to be a one-man show. The people working for him are more than qualified and certainly capable of making a decision on their own.

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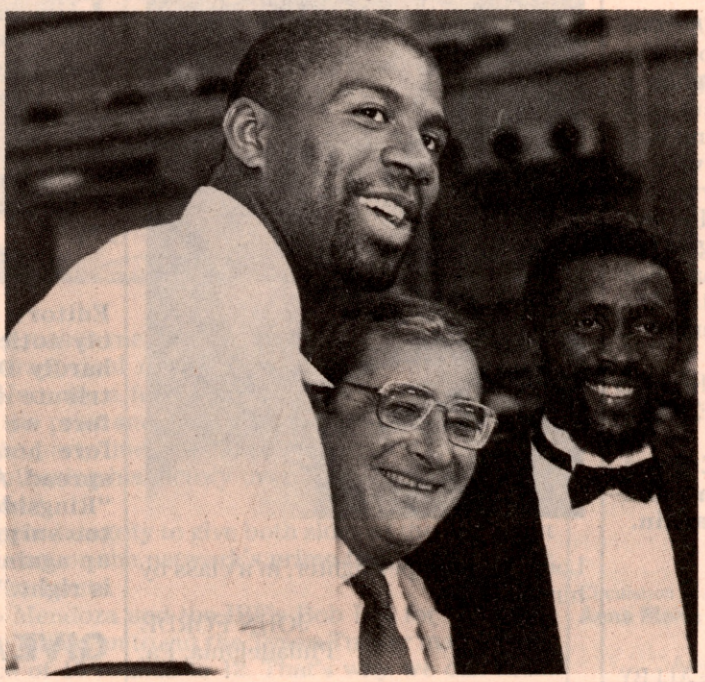


Promoter Bob Arum, seen here sandwiched between Magic Johnson (left) and Thomas Hearns, was forced to change the date of the upcoming Hearns-Roldan bout for religious reasons. Read "Punch Lines" for details.

WHAT'S IT LIKE?

Want to know what it's like to be a fighter? Read **Peter Weston Wood's** new novel, "To Swallow A Toad."

Wood, a former New York State Golden Gloves finalist, brings you into the gyms, into the dressing rooms and into the rings. By the time you've finished the 201 pages, you feel as if you've gone 15 rounds with **Mike Tyson.**

But Wood's first novel is not just another boxing story. On the contrary, it is the confession of a troubled youth who used boxing as an outlet for his frustrations, which were considerable.

It's action-packed, fast-paced and well worth the $16.95 price tag.

JOLLY GOOD SHOW

A new boxing organization has emerged in England. Just what we needed, right?

But this one's different. This one's for you, bud.

Round One

Another spectator at the McCallum-Curry bash was IBF lightweight champ Vinny Pazienza, pictured here giving THE RING'S Las Vegas photographer, Chris Farina, the Italian good luck sign.

The new organization is called "The World Boxing Fan Association," organized by the fans, for the fans. A lot of goodies are offered. For further information, write to PO Box 44E, Worcester Park, Surrey, England, KT48JD.

AND, THEY'RE OFF

Gil Clancy knows CBS is not horsing around.

The veteran boxing analyst, promoter **Bob Arum** and three others own shares in a couple of race horses, and the television network was not happy about what could be construed as a conflict of interest.

Clancy said he was told to "do something about it. I'll either have to sell, or maybe Arum will divest his interest. It's so ridiculous. I don't have the final say-so in what fights we buy. I just have an input. Arum gives us the best fights for the least amount of money."

Hold all tickets until the results of this squabble are official.

ROSIN DUST

Pat McGuigan, father of former featherweight champion Barry McGuigan, passed away in Dublin. Barry's father sang "Danny Boy" before most of his son's fights . . . Heavyweight **Michael Arms** of Anchorage, Alaska, traveled to the Oregon State Penitentiary and boxed **Fred McGee** and **Teddy Vickers,** members of the Penitentiary's Light Years Boxing Team. The exhibitions plus a weekend boxing show for the inmates were videotaped, with the proceeds from sales of the video targeted for the community's anti-drug program . . . A 1986 Plymouth van was stolen in Long Island. The van contained $10,000 worth of trophies, medals, souvenirs and refreshments for boxers scheduled to compete in the Empire State Games in Queens. Welcome to New York . . . **Canto Robledo,** reportedly the only blind person in the world to hold a professional license as a manager and trainer, was honored by Los Angeles for 50 years of dedicated public service . . . Sad to report that **Mo Fleischer,** boxing trainer, promoter and matchmaker, passed away at the age of 86 in Miami Beach. Fleischer put together the first **Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson** bout.

Atlantic City casino owner Donald Trump said he'll lure all the big bouts away from Las Vegas. Could former heavyweight king Larry Holmes (seen grinning on Trump's right) be part of his plans?

PUNCH LINES

It may be easier for Patterson to get his adopted and undefeated son **Tracy Harris Patterson** a title shot, but the ex-heavyweight champion is not happy with the state of boxing today.

"We used to have eight champions and eight weight divisions," said Floyd. "Now there are 18 divisions and 54 champions. Holding the title now isn't as meaningful. I don't even know who they all are."

Seems like we've heard those sentiments somewhere.

The Spinks-Cooney fight may have been a bust throughout the country, but not at Trump's Castle and Trump's Plaza in Atlantic City, where the casino take smashed records.

"We'll have every major fight in the country here from now on, not Vegas," said **Donald Trump,** who has the bucks to back up his boast.

Bob Arum wanted the **Thomas Hearns-Juan Roldan** WBC middleweight title fight on Sept. 11 until Arum learned that **Pope John Paul** would be celebrating mass that day in Joe Louis Arena, the largest closed-circuit site in Hearns' home town of Detroit.

"Not even Thomas Hearns can compete with the Pope in Detroit," said Arum after switching the date.

Why not? The Pope only holds one title. □

CURRY CREAMED!

McCallum Looks To Middleweight Title Following One-Punch Kayo Over Curry

by Jack Welsh

WHATEVER DESERVED RELAXATION Mike McCallum has been enjoying in recent weeks, the breather figures to go on hold the last Thursday in October for another notable journey to Las Vegas. In a sense, it will be a working lunch for the undefeated WBA junior middleweight champion.

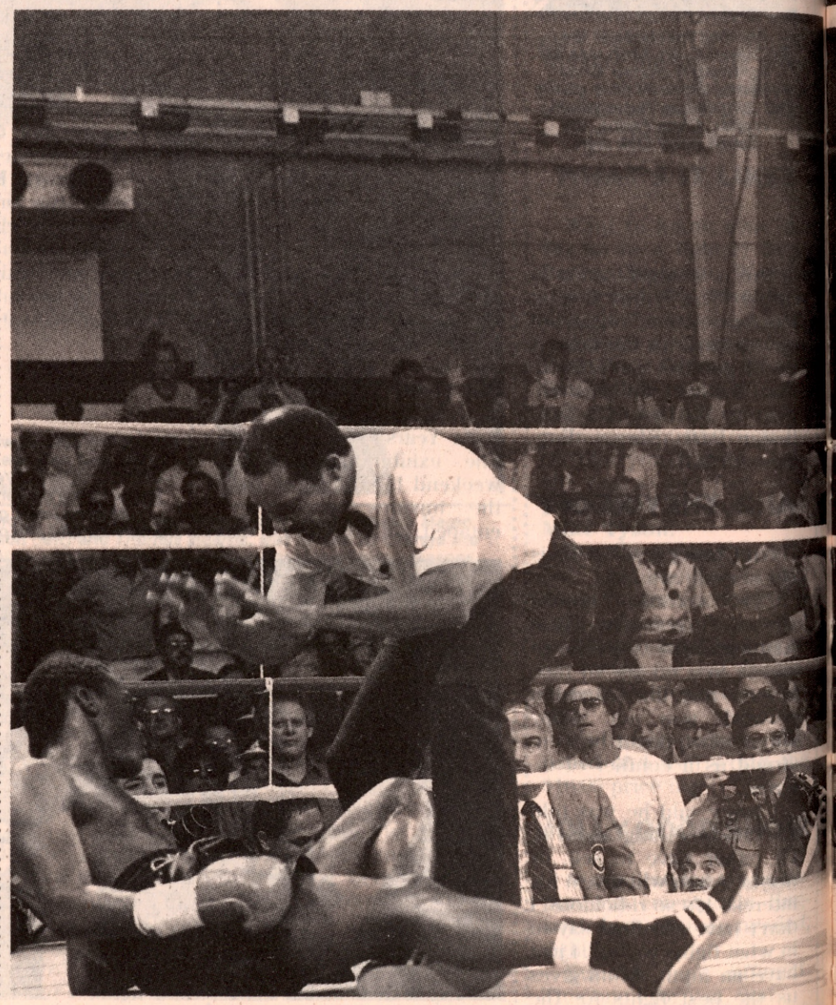
Though not the principal lure on this particular autumn evening, McCallum will be sure to generate a tremendous vocal response when he is introduced before Thomas Hearns reaches for the WBC middleweight title at the expense of Argentina's Juan Domingo Roldan.

The 30-year-old McCallum and his connections will be scrutinizing Hearns with much financial respect as their future target when the WBC light heavyweight boss drops back down to the middleweight ranks in an attempt to finally win a portion of the 160-pound crown; a feat he has long coveted.

Whether McCallum had a little fling in a home environment at Valley Stream, New York, or took a flyer to the tropical clime of his birth in Kingston, Jamaica, nobody with a love for the sometimes Sweet Science has forgotten the mid-July night at Caesars Palace when Mike short-circuited Donald Curry's once-brilliant career with a textbook left hook in the fifth round.

The 25-year-old former world welterweight champion from Fort Worth, Texas, was still fog-bound during the post-fight analysis as McCallum (32-0 with 29 KOs) immediately beckoned toward Hearns as a future adversary who could make him a millionaire and perhaps be the icing on the Caribbean cutie's bid for long-sought super stardom.

Referee Richard Steele counts out Donald Curry as Mike McCallum watches from a neutral corner. The stunning victory was the unbeaten McCallum's sixth straight defense of his WBA junior middleweight title.



Ouch! McCallum nails the "Lone Star Cobra" with the left hook that ended the fight and possibly Curry's career as a big money fighter.

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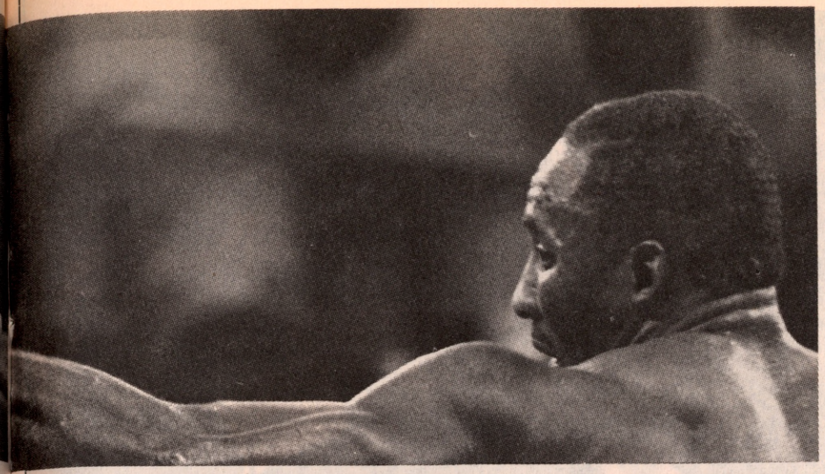

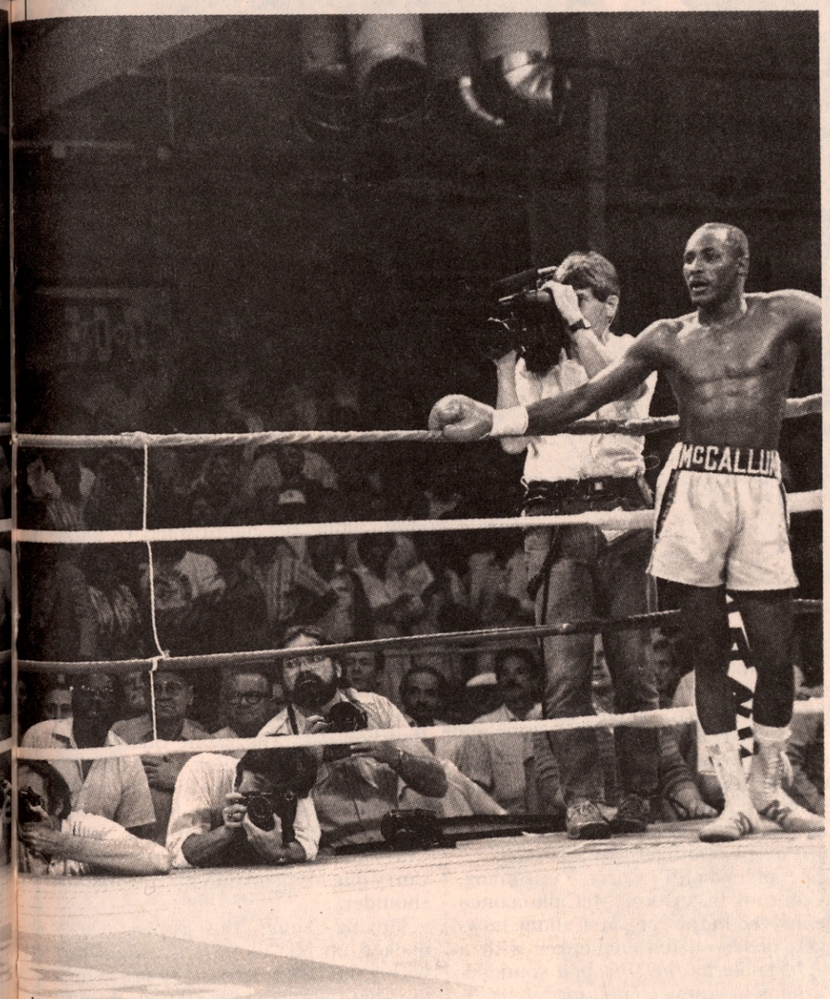

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Since Top Rank's Bob Arum is promoting Hearns-Roldan, he obviously felt he had dibs on declaring McCallum-Hearns as "a fight the public would love to see." Arum shared the McCallum-Curry promotion with Dan Duva of Main Events and Caesars provided the 4,200-seat Sports Pavilion as the venue. In essence, it was Duva's McCallum against Arum's Curry in a superb, if abbreviated, war which North America relished through the courtesy of HBO.

Like Arum, Duva would love a McCallum-Hearns showdown almost anywhere he can get it. Yet Dan, son of McCallum's co-manager Lou, is the first to acknowledge "getting it is going to take some doing.

"To make a Hearns fight for McCallum will be tougher than winning it because Hearns will never get in the ring with Mike," said Duva. "He sparred millions of rounds with Hearns when they were together with Emanuel Steward at the Kronk Gym in Detroit. And there wasn't a day McCallum didn't more than hold his own. Of course, Roldan might spoil it for everybody anyway."

Hearns was ringside with Magic Johnson of the L.A. Lakers and Milt McCrory for McCallum's impressive victory over Curry.

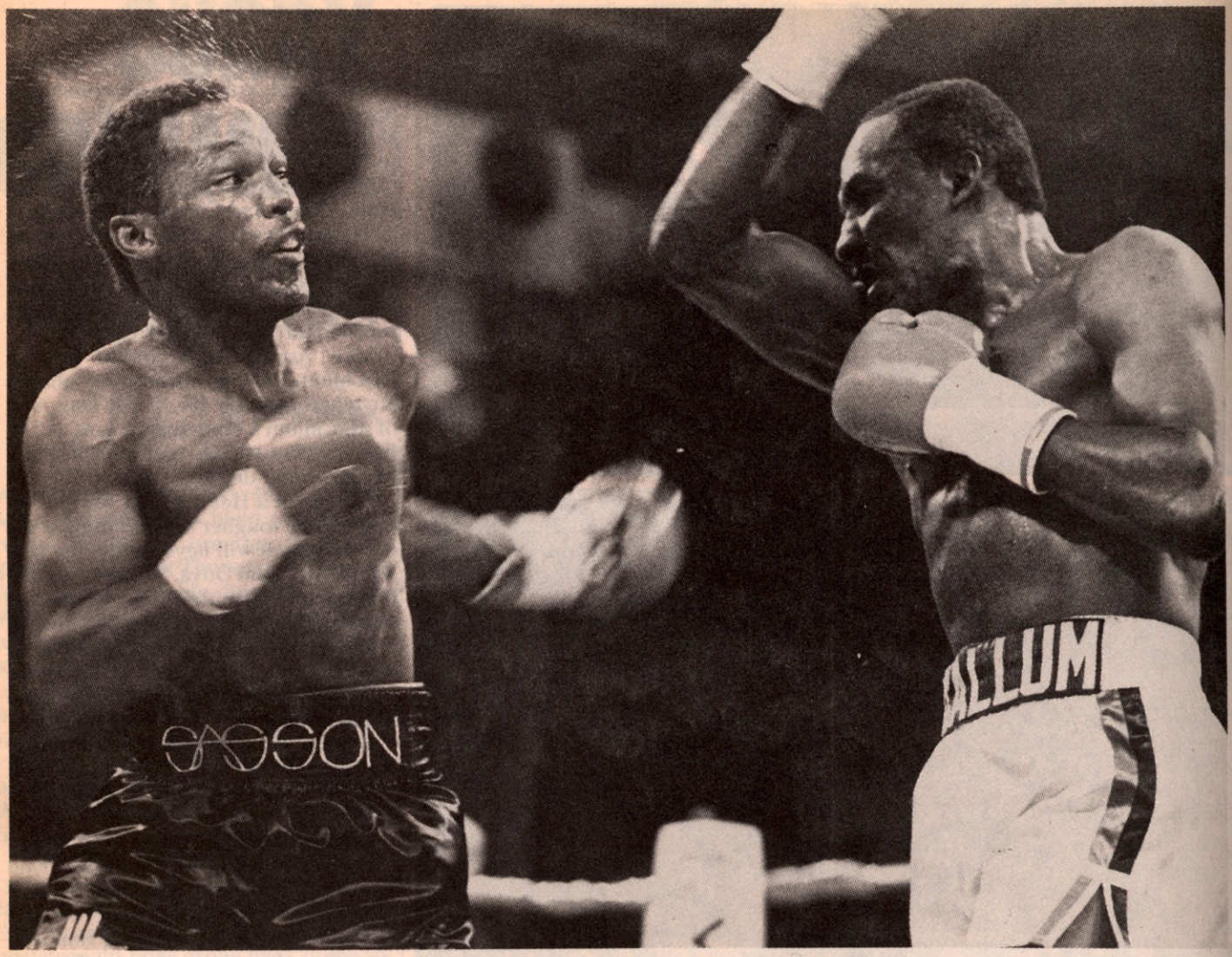
"I have never run from an opponent and I'm not going to start now," said Hearns. "If Mike wants to fight Thomas Hearns, it's no problem with me. The fight just has to be put in a financial situation where I can't say no."

However, the volatile Dan Duva doesn't buy Hearns' dialogue.

"Hearns is scared (bleep) of Mike McCallum, but we're ready to fight at middleweight or light heavyweight. I think Mike has done all there is to do in the junior middleweight division. Whether it's Hearns or Roldan, we're happy to fight the winner. But gatewise, McCallum and Hearns would probably be more lucrative."

McCallum, unmarked, called his scintillating triumph over Curry "the greatest day of my life and I thank God for it.

"I'm ready for Thomas Hearns. I will have no trouble moving up to 160 pounds," continued McCallum. "But if it's not Hearns, then bring on anybody out there because I want to be a fighting champion and I have all the time in the world. We probably couldn't get Hearns until next spring, so I'll defi-



McCallum is all business as he sends Curry reeling backwards with a vicious right uppercut.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

nitely defend against somebody before then."

Though currently boxing's longest reigning undefeated titleholder, McCallum was a +$1.60 underdog in Nevada's licensed sports books, while Curry closed a −$1.80 favorite in a matchup where two-way action prevailed right up to the first bell. The betting premise was that Curry's ordeal of dropping 11 pounds in three days set him up for a fall in losing his prized 147-pound crown to England's Lloyd Honeyghan last September in Atlantic City.

"My mental intensity now is so high because I want to win so badly," Curry told *The Ring* 48 hours before his unexpected knockout defeat at the hands of McCallum. "It's like being angry. I'm focusing mainly on what I want to do in the ring. It's not a good feeling being a contender after you've been a world champion."

McCallum, who came in at 153¼, exuded a quiet confidence during the final countdown.

"In order to become great or to be known world-wide, you've got to beat a great fighter," explained McCallum. "Curry, in this case, is noted as a great fighter. After I beat him, it will be my turn in the spotlight."

A phlegmatic Curry, unsmiling, never took his eyes off McCallum once he arrived in the ring. McCallum, however, observed his challenger with a slight smile as the first bell sounded. Perhaps he knew something.

Curry, 154, started the scheduled 15-rounder on the move with several body shots while McCallum was twice wild with arching right hands. The WBA kingpin was repeatedly short with his jabs and Curry countered out of a crouch.

McCallum was off the mark with a right to open Round Two, but Curry had no trouble finding the champion, who rarely offered angles a la Sugar Ray Leonard. The "Lone Star Cobra" also scored with quick combinations when he elected to take the fight inside. McCallum finally drove home a right to the head and appeared to shake Curry briefly with an uppercut before Curry dug his head into the champion's shoulder.

Moving along the ropes, Curry backed up McCallum and came over with a thudding right to the jaw which buckled the champion's knees. For an

instant, it appeared the transplanted Islander would make his first journey to the canvas as a pro (it happened once as an amateur).

"I guess that's the hardest I've ever been hit. I felt I might go down, but with my feet wide apart, I was able to catch myself," advised McCallum, whose true age and suspect chin were questioned by some experts coming up to the fight.

McCallum's trainer, George Benton, admitted he felt concern for his charge at that juncture.

"If Curry had been able to jump on Mike with some punches, he might have done something, but he couldn't get off another good shot before the bell rang," Benton said.

Referee Richard Steele warned McCallum in the fourth for possible head butts, and before the round ended, Curry's left eye was swelling on top.

Coming out for the fifth, and leading on all scorecards, Curry fired a flurry of lefts and snapped McCallum's head back with an overhand right. The rivals were at midring when McCallum showed Curry a right uppercut to the body and then fired a vicious left hook from the hip.

Curry never saw the missile coming, taking the punch flush on the jaw and being catapulted backwards toward his corner. Fort Worth fans had to be in tears as their hero, heading for the second loss in an overall log of 27-2 with 20 KOs, crashed to the floor and lay inert on his back, his arms outstretched.

As Steele counted, Curry jerked his shoulders off the mat at the count of eight, but it was more instinct than anything else. There was no way Curry was going to rise in time and Steele counted him out 1:14 into the round.

The crowd of 3,134 sounded like 10,000 as it roared with approval. The gathering included at least 100 Jamaicans who jubilantly waved miniature gold, green and black flags.

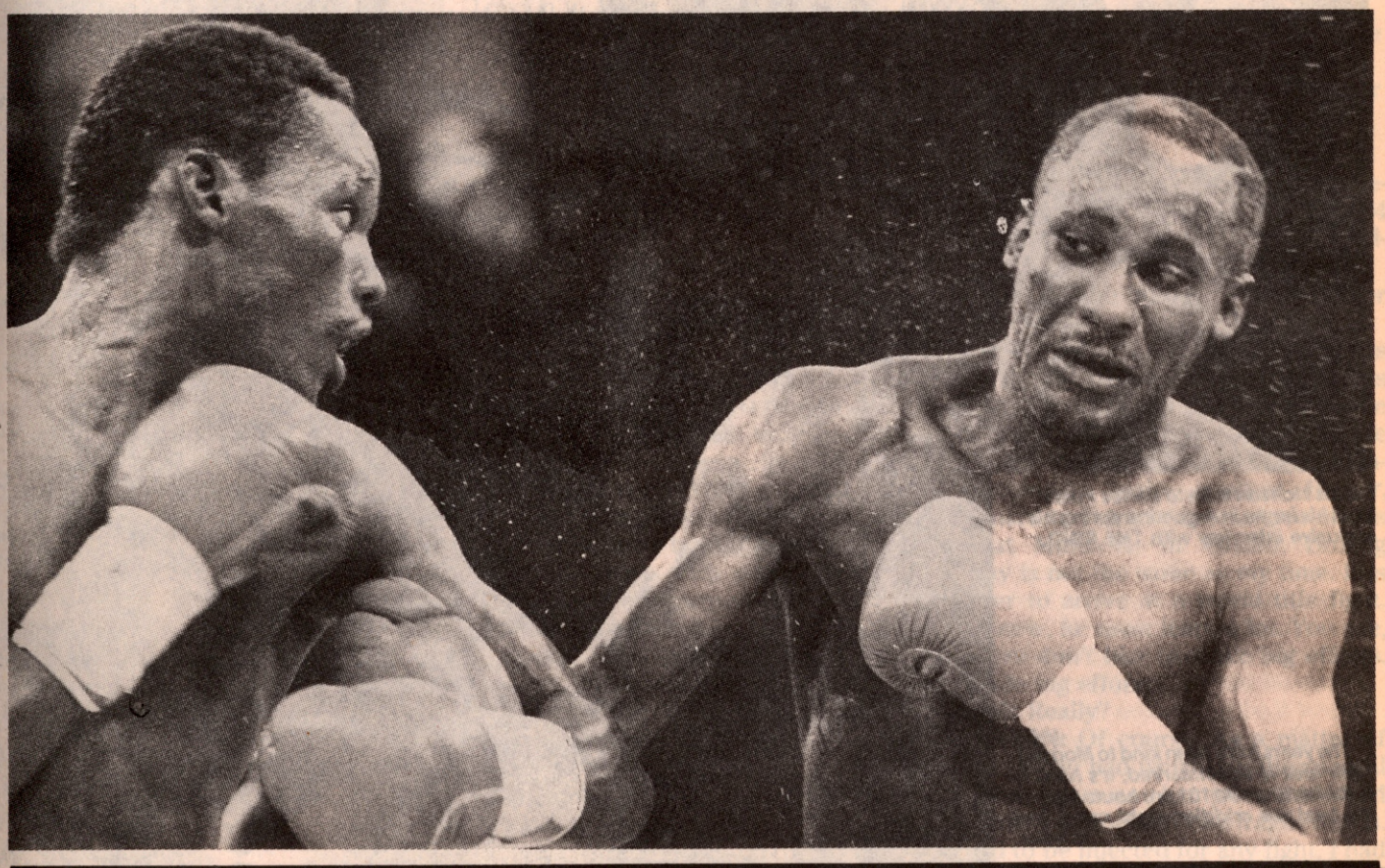
"I was very happy my mother and brother were able to come to Vegas for this fight," the successful champion said. "I knew I was behind (40-36, 39-38 and 39-37 on the official cards) but I wasn't worried because Curry was coming back to my pace and getting slower as the rounds went on. I felt it was just a matter of time until I got him."

McCallum's purse was a reported $500,000 plus $25,000 training expenses. Curry, making his third straight Las Vegas appearance, collected $400,000 and $15,000 expenses.

It was a somber and slightly confused Curry, along with business agent Akbar Muhammad and co-manager Dave Gorman, who attended the media post-mortems.

"I just got careless and I got caught. I never even heard the referee's count," said Curry. "I knew I was winning and I felt I was getting stronger. Now, I'll go home and evaluate what I want to do and where I want to go from here."

Despite his crushing defeat, Curry fielded queries patiently, but his stay was brief. As he rose to shake hands with his unassuming conqueror, Donald's vocal congratulations were faint ... like the tight-lipped smile on his face. There was a faraway look in Curry's eyes, perhaps masking his thoughts on what was building in the ring minutes before and what might have been until Mike McCallum suddenly produced his own version of the guillotine. □



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Curry (left) sends a shower of sweat flying from McCallum's head during the early going. The bout was far from one-sided and Curry was leading on all three official scorecards when McCallum lowered the boom.

Carlos Monzon talks to Carlos Irusta from his home in Argentina during his exclusive interview with THE RING.

The years have been kind to Monzon. His face is so unmarked, it's hard to believe he had 101 pro bouts against the best the middleweight ranks had to offer.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CARLOS MONZON

I NEVER ASKED THE NAME OF MY OPPONENT

by Carlos Irusta

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A TOUGH GUY, HE *IS* A TOUGH GUY.

Carlos Monzon cried twice in his life. The first was when a cut forced him to postpone his first title bout with Rodrigo Valdez in 1976. The second was when he was declared not guilty for possessing a gun in 1981.

Monzon was in jail for 28 days ("and eight hours," he added) in his home town of Santa Fe just for having a collector's gun on the wall of his house.

"It was just a gift, nothing else," said Monzon. "But I was kept in jail."

Yes, a tough guy remembered by the Argentine public as a real monster in the sports business. From 1970, when he kayoed Nino Benvenuti for the world middleweight championship, until 1977, when he decisioned Valdez in his last fight, Monzon was respected as a great champion—perhaps the greatest champion in Argentine history with the possible exception of Pascual Perez, the flyweight who not only won a professional championship but also the Olympic gold medal in London in 1948.

Monzon had the longest reign as middleweight champion—six years, nine months—and the most successful defenses, 14.

Now 45, Monzon recently sat down to talk to *The Ring* about his life, his career and boxing in general.

RING: How did you become a boxing manager? You always said it's a very difficult job.

MONZON: And it is. Really, I like this job now. But it was difficult for me in the beginning. I mean, in Argentina a manager is a trainer, too. You must teach boxing, be a cornerman and a businessman. Three jobs for the same person, and I don't like very much to teach. I prefer to be a ... counselor, you know? I have experience and I can give advice to a boxer more than teach him. The boxers are difficult persons. Today they are with you, tomorrow they ignore you. They are always hearing the voices of friends or women. They don't like to be conducted. Well, some years ago some people asked me to conduct Walter Dario Matteoni. He's a middleweight, taller than me—a strong boy. I accepted. Matteoni grew up as a professional and is now the Argentine middleweight champion. Boxing changes a lot with the time. He has the belt I owned, but when I became Argentine champion I was 24 years old and had about 40 bouts. Walter is 26, but has only 18 fights.

RING: And you think he can be another Monzon?

MONZON: Of course not. I'm always telling him my tactics because he has physical conditions similar to me. He is taller than me. But it is impossible to make another Monzon like it is impossible to make another Hagler, Leonard or Duran. I have expectations about Matteoni, of course. Boxing today is not the same as my time. It is easier to arrive at a world title fight. But now, he must learn a lot. You see, boxers don't like to make big efforts. I made big efforts.

RING: Really?

MONZON: Of course. As a matter of fact, I never had weight problems until my last years as champion. But I had another big trouble. I had fragile hands. I had to be injected for any fight. I had

to train very carefully because I was not so strong. I mean, I didn't have Sylvester Stallone's body. Do you understand? So, I had to plan every training session. The secret was to work hard, but not very hard.

RING: And what about cigarettes, for example?

MONZON: What's that (laugh)? Yes, I was a one-package-a-day smoker. I was anxious, you know? But when the training began, I quit smoking. I never altered my scheduling. Every day at 12 I began to work. And the public never saw me smoking because I was very careful with the public image of a world champion.

RING: Ever?

MONZON: Yes, why not? When I became world champion I was 28. I was not a boy. It was a big change for me because I started to get big money. I could buy the biggest cars, I learned to take care of my clothes. To become the world champion of the middleweight division is very important in any part of the globe, including my country. I know the Argentinians were proud of me.

RING: But you weren't popular when you defeated Nino Benvenuti.

MONZON: I was well known because in that year Tito Lectoure made a tournament on TV for the middleweight division. The belt was named after Eduardo Lausse, remembering the great middleweight contender of the 50s. I won the tournament and then I defeated Jorge Fernandez, obtaining the Argentine title. The people knew Fernandez. He had fought Emile Griffith in Las Vegas for the welterweight championship. When Lectoure announced the Fernandez-Monzon fight, a lot of people said to themselves, "Fernandez will kill him." I defeated him on points and I floored him once.

RING: Do you remember that year with a little of the blues?

MONZON: No, I enjoy the present. Yes, I was world champion. I was famous. But I'm famous now, too. The people love me. Why be blue? The only thing I worry about is money. How much money could I earn in 1987? Ten million dollars? Well, my greatest purse was about $500,000 in my second fight against Rodrigo Valdez. It was my last bout. The average was about $100,000. Today, when you tell a boxer of a $100,000 purse, he laughs.

RING: It was another time. You must admit it. The dollar was stronger in those days.

MONZON: In comparison with the Argentine money, yes. I don't complain. I bought a lot of apartments, buildings, cattle. I lost a lot of money, too. Do you know around 1978 I tried to import TV sets from China or something like that. I couldn't buy a single TV set. I lost about $300,000. My house was full of TV sets. I was giving a TV set to any marriage to which I was invited.

RING: Why not return to boxing?

MONZON: Yes, well I have big memories of course. Boxing was very painful for me when I was champion. I was 28, remember. I had to work very hard. I always worked as a professional, but I liked very much to win, too.

RING: Macho man?

MONZON: Yes, I remember Alain Delon called me "Macho" when he made my bout with "Mantequilla"

Monzon, who now works the other side of the ropes helping young boxers, is seen here with middleweight prospect Walter Dario Matteoni.

Napoles. Yes, macho. Why not? Boxing is a hard business, remember. Before every fight I told myself, "This SOB is trying to steal my title, my money, my future." I hated my rivals. When I fought the first time with Nino Benvenuti in Rome, he tried to be funny with me. At the weigh-in, he touched my ass. I looked at him and thought, "Tonight, I will kill you." Well, that night I put everything in my hands. When the referee stopped the fight, he was correct. That night I would have killed him. The same feeling is important when you are losing, you see. When I fought the second time against Emile Griffith at Monte Carlo, I was a disaster. My brother had died some days before, but I didn't ask for a postponement. My manager, Amilcar Brusa, told me, "That SOB is defeating you. Think of your children, think of your son. He is watching you on TV." I received the message. I won.

RING: It was your most difficult fight?

MONZON: I suppose it was the worst.

RING: And what about Bennie Briscoe?

MONZON: My God! He had a head of stone—and a big heart. A tremendous fighter. We had two bouts, the first when we were just contenders, and it was a draw. I connected on him with everything. My hands suffered a lot, but he was on his feet! In the second bout, I was the world champion. I won without doubt, but in one round he connected with a tremendous right cross. I was stunned. I was near the ropes, and that saved me. Very near the bell, too. I embraced him and, thank God, he didn't understand I was hurt so bad. Remember, it was only one shot, then I won the bout. But it was a tremendous and unforgettable shot.

RING: And your best fight?

MONZON: I did a good job against Napoles. I stopped him. He quit. He talked a lot about me, and I stopped him. But I think my best fight was the last one against Rocky Valdez at Monte Carlo. He floored me, officially, with the referee's count. He caught me with a right hand as Briscoe did. And more. He cut me. He cut me in the nose. Around that time, I had been inactive for a year, my last fight having been a year before against Valdez, and I was making movies and living as a playboy. Well, I defeated him. I put into the ring all my energy, all my hate, everything. When the bout ended and I looked at myself in the mirror, I said to myself, "Monzon was never floored and never cut. Monzon is a great champion. He must be remembered as a great champion." So I quit.

RING: Can you see yourself as a great champion now? Have you changed your perspective?

MONZON: No, I was one of the great champions in history and perhaps the greatest as a middleweight. Look at Hagler. He couldn't touch my record of defenses and the length of my reign. I have the best record as world champion in the middleweights.

RING: Do you imagine a fight against Hagler?

MONZON: A lot of times. I fought guys like Hagler, Valdez for example. He was a strong and valiant boxer and a world champion, too. I defeated him twice. When Hagler fought a man littler than him, as Roberto "Hands of Stone" Duran, he defeated him by points only. When I fought a boxer littler than me, like Napoles, I destroyed him. Hagler was great, of course, but he never fought a man like Monzon.

RING: I propose to talk about Hagler and Leonard a little later, OK?

MONZON: Yes, but let me tell you this. I think Hagler won that fight against Sugar Ray.

RING: OK. Tell me more about you as a world champion, the fact that you had a lot of bouts in Europe and only one in the States.

MONZON: For this reason. I would like to fight now with Las Vegas, big purses, everything. In those years, the people in Europe loved me and the money was there. I had only one fight as champion in the states against Tony Licata, and I KO'd him in the 10th round, but I didn't have a very good fight.

RING: Some people told me that you tried to destroy him because at ringside in Madison Square Garden was Susana Gimenez, the Argentine actress. You tried to impress her. Both of you made a movie in Argentina and lived a big romance.

MONZON: I don't like to talk about my private life. I was happy with Susana and in those years I was at the pinnacle of popularity in Argentina. It's true, she was at ringside. But the real fact was, I couldn't make a better fight.

RING: Do you think the American experts don't see you as good as Hagler, LaMotta or Robinson, for example?

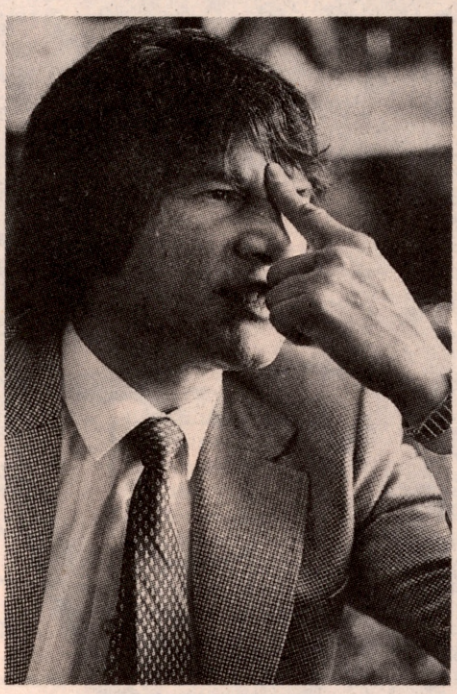
MONZON: When I was in Las Vegas for the Hagler-Roldan bout, all the journalists were very kind to me. I suppose they like their own boxers, but the experts always put me among the better champions.

RING: Can you tell me something about Juan Domingo Roldan, the former Argentine middleweight champion? How do you see him in the future?

MONZON: He KO'd a couple friends of mine. I must tell you that, when he was an amateur he sparred some rounds with me because he was trained by my manager, Amilcar Brusa, in Santa Fe, my home town. He was strong as a bull. I watched his first steps as a pro, and I never believed in him. But he showed me he can be a champion. Especially now, without Marvin Hagler on the scene. He did a good job against Kinchen in Las Vegas, but I know he can be better. He is strong, courageous ... a strange case, do you know? He retired for more than a year and returned to the ring more a boxer than in the past. He improved a lot.

RING: And he is important for Argentine boxing.

MONZON: Of course. I suppose *The Ring* readers know that Argentina was a big boxing country with 11 world champions, including a big light heavyweight, Victor Emilio Galindez, who had a lot of terrific fights in the States. Now, Argentine boxing needs champions and figures. But, let me tell you this. Boxing is downhill in all the world. The new boxers want to earn money easy. All people are talking about is millions, millions, millions.



"My God! He had a head of stone . . . and a big heart," said Monzon when asked about his two bouts with Bennie Briscoe.

RING: Would you like to talk about present boxing and its great names?

MONZON: Of course, why not? But first, let me tell you two or three things. First of all, I must tell *The Ring* readers it was very important for me to be included in *The Ring* "Hall of Fame" in 1984. You know, *The Ring* was always a great magazine. I think there are only two Argentine boxers in that "Hall of Fame," Pascual Perez and me. And it is very gratifying. The other thing is in my bouts I had a very great opponent and we didn't mention him—Jean Claude Bouttier. I defeated him twice and now I can say he is a very close friend of mine. He invites me to Paris and is always in contact with me. He was one of the most important rivals I had as a world champion.

RING: And now, tell us your opinion of the Hagler-Leonard bout.

MONZON: I was not at Vegas. I watched the fight by television. And I watched it a couple of days later. I think Hagler was the winner because he made all the effort. I never thought Leonard could have such a great fight. He is a real boxing star, but I think Hagler was the winner. I suppose he was very low in his weight. It was a mistake. I suppose he tried to be faster than ever, but he forgot to gain in punch. I never thought about my own record as middleweight champion, but of course with Hagler's loss, I suppose it will be very difficult for any other champion to come near my record.

RING: And Mike Tyson?

MONZON: I must tell you the truth, I don't like him. He didn't make a real good exhibition. I suppose there's a lot of publicity around him. Only Spinks can measure him.

RING: Do you like Spinks?

MONZON: Well, he is very little to fight as a heavyweight. But, he is doing it! Of course, you can't talk about the Cooney fight because Gerry seemed only to be a former boxer. But I think Spinks can help us to know how good Tyson is.

RING: And Tommy Hearns?

MONZON: He is strong, he is young. But sometimes, I don't know what to think about him. I suppose he can be more convincing. Roldan can defeat him, but it is a difficult bout for both men.

RING: Mark Breland?

MONZON: I haven't seen him. As you know, in Argentina it is not easy to watch big bouts on TV.

RING: And who is your favorite boxer of today?

MONZON: Hector "Macho" Camacho. He is like I was. I never asked the name of my opponent. □

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TRIPLE TRIPLE TRIPLE CHAMPIONS:

by Nigel Collins

MUCH OF THE HYPE SURrounding the proposed bout between Thomas Hearns and Juan Domingo Roldan for the vacant WBC middleweight title has focused on what is being billed as Hearns' attempt to win an "unprecedented fourth world championship." Sounds good in a press release or TV promo. Of course, those press releases and TV promos would be spouting the same dribble if Hearns was going for the IBF super middleweight "world championship."

To *The Ring* and all who honor boxing tradition, Hearns has never been even a one-time world champion in the true sense of the term. To the purist, Hearns is merely a three-time "titleholder" going for his fourth "title."

As regular readers know, *The Ring* recognizes only the eight traditional weight divisions. Therefore, one of Hearns' titles (the WBC super welterweight crown) is automatically disqualified. Hearns' other two belts, the WBA welterweight and WBC light heavyweight titles, were just portions of those championships. In fact, when the "Hit Man" faced Sugar Ray Leonard for the whole welterweight ball of wax in September of 1981, he lost not only the fight, but his partial claim to the 147-pound championship.

Hearns' WBC light heavyweight title, which he would have to vacate in order to fight for the organization's 160-pound crown, is only one-third of the 175-pound championship which became split when undisputed champ Michael Spinks moved up to the heavyweight class.

None of the above is noted out of disrespect for Hearns, one of the most popular and talented fighters of the past decade. Rather, it is a further attempt to define boxing's genuine champions. It is also an effort to restore proper credit to those handful of boxers who were true multi-champions. With this last point in mind, let's take a look at the only two men in boxing history to win three legitimate world championships and the relatively small band of warriors who held bona fide world championships in two weight divisions.

Boxing's only authentic triple champions are Bob Fitzsimmons and Henry Armstrong. Period!

Fitzsimmons first held the middleweight belt, stopping Jack "The Nonpareil" Dempsey in 13 rounds, January 14, 1891. Next, he annexed the heavyweight title by knocking out Jim Corbett in the 11th round, March 17, 1897. When "Ruby Robert" lost the heavyweight title to Jim Jeffries the following year, and lost a rematch in 1902, he simply dropped down a division and outpointed George Gardner over 20 rounds for the light heavyweight championship, November 25, 1903. This was hardly a big problem for Fitzsimmons as he never weighed much more than 175 pounds in the first place.

It was not until August 17,

Perhaps the greatest fighter, pound-for-pound, of all time was Henry Armstrong. A true triple champion, Armstrong briefly held the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns . . . simultaneously!

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1938, when Armstrong, already holder of the featherweight and welterweight belts, decisioned Lou Ambers for the lightweight title, that boxing had its second, and to date last, triple champ.

Of course, what made Armstrong's feat so unique is the fact that for a brief spell he held all three titles simultaneously. "Homicide Hank" first won the featherweight title by stopping Petey Sarron, October 29, 1937. Next came the welterweight crown when he outpointed Barney Ross over 15 rounds, May 31, 1938, followed by the aforementioned victory over Ambers.

Unfortunately, because the Alphabet Boys insist their titleholders relinquish one title before going for another, it is highly unlikely another boxer will ever duplicate Armstrong's mind-boggling accomplishment. More the pity. Allowing a champion to hold more than one title at a time, providing he is prepared to defend all of his belts on a regular basis, would be much more interesting than the current trend of boxers bouncing from weight class to weight class to grab as many phony titles as possible in a vain attempt at immortality.

Before discussing boxing's double champions, let's examine two other men who came closest to Fitzsimmons and Armstrong in their bid for triple titlehood.

BOXING'S TRIPLE CHAMPIONS

Bob Fitzsimmons–	Middleweight	1891-1897
	Heavyweight	1897-1899
	Lt. Heavyweight	1903-1905
Henry Armstrong–	Featherweight	1937-1938
	Welterweight	1938-1940
	Lightweight	1938-1939

BOXING'S DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

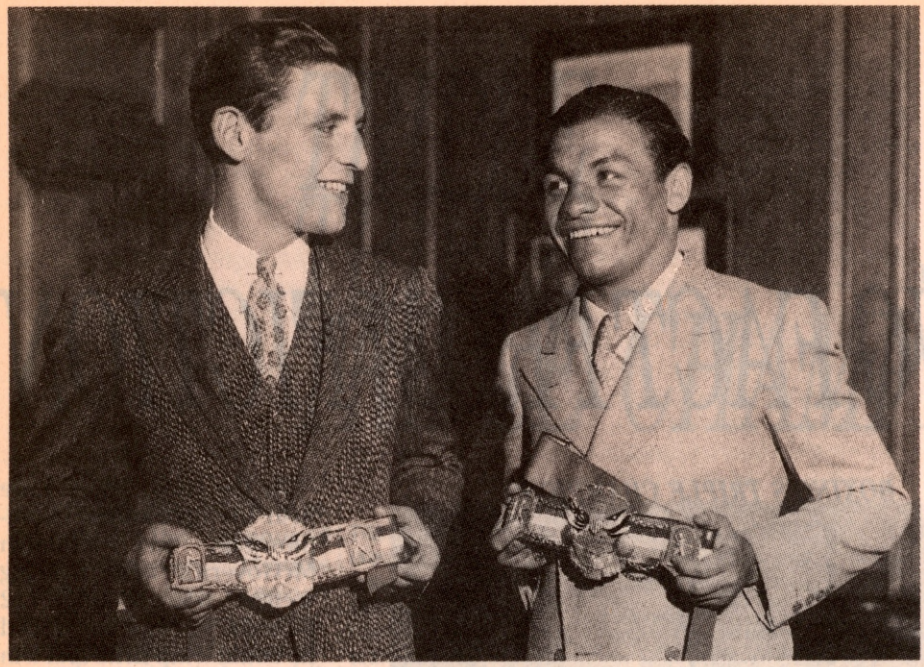
Tommy Ryan–	Welterweight	1894-1898
	Middleweight	1898-1902
Terry McGovern–	Bantamweight	1899-1900
	Featherweight	1900-1901
Mickey Walker–	Welterweight	1922-1926
	Middleweight	1925-1931
Tony Canzoneri–	Featherweight	1927-1928
	Lightweight	1930-1933
Barney Ross–	Lightweight	1933-1935
	Welterweight	1934,35-1938
Harry Jeffra–	Bantamweight	1937-1938
	Featherweight	1940-1941
Ray Robinson–	Welterweight	1946-1950
	Middleweight	1951-52, 55-57, 57-60
Carmen Basilio–	Welterweight	1955-56, 56-57
	Middleweight	1957-1958
Eder Jofre–	Bantamweight	1961-1965
	Featherweight	1973-1973
Emile Griffith–	Welterweight	1961, 62-63, 63-66
	Middleweight	1966-67, 67-68
Fighting Harada–	Flyweight	1962-1963
	Bantamweight	1965-1968
Dick Tiger–	Middleweight	1963, 65-66
	Lt. Heavyweight	1966-1968
Roberto Duran–	Lightweight	1972-1979
	Welterweight	1980-1980
Alexis Arguello–	Featherweight	1974-1977
	Lightweight	1981-1983
Michael Spinks–	Lt. Heavyweight	1983-1985
	Heavyweight	1985-
Ray Leonard–	Welterweight	1979-1982
	Middleweight	1987-1987

"Terrible" Terry McGovern was the Roberto Duran of his era, a baby-faced killer with fire in his eyes and TNT in each fist. He won the bantamweight title with a first-round kayo over Pedlar Palmer, September 12, 1899, and proceeded to capture the featherweight crown with an eighth-round TKO over George Dixon, January 9, 1900.

At the time, Frank Erne held the lightweight championship, and although McGovern's best fighting weight was around 122 pounds, he was convinced he could whip Erne and win the lightweight title. However, McGovern's manager, Sam Harris, knew Erne was a fine boxer and was worried Terry might be biting off a bit more than he could chew, especially at the lightweight limit (133 pounds in those days). Torn between protecting his meal ticket and turning down a big payday, Harris struck a compromise by talking Erne into fighting McGovern at 128 pounds. Why Erne agreed to such a deal is hard to say, but agree he did and faced McGovern July 16, 1900, in New York City's old Madison Square Garden.

In the opening moments of the bout, Erne caught the onrushing McGovern with a left hook to the chin, dropping Terry for the count of nine. It proved to be the severely weight-drained Erne's first and last gasp. McGovern quickly recovered and handed Erne a nasty beating, finally stopping him in the third round.

Some, including "Terrible Terry," think because McGovern beat the reigning lightweight ruler within the lightweight limit, he should have been crowned champion. But as the articles of ag-



When Tony Canzoneri (right) met Jackie (Kid) Berg in 1931, both the lightweight and junior welterweight titles were up for grabs. Canzoneri, a previous holder of the featherweight crown, beat Berg inside three rounds, but is only considered a double champion because Berg's belt did not represent one of the eight traditional weight classes.

reement for the match stated it was not for the lightweight title, McGovern's claim was never seriously considered. Thus, McGovern's bid for boxing's triple crown was lost on a contractual technicality. Two years later, the lightweight title passed to Joe Gans when he iced Erne in one round.

Stanley Ketchel, the legendary "Michigan Assassin," is the only other fighter with a half-decent claim to three of boxing's traditional eight titles.

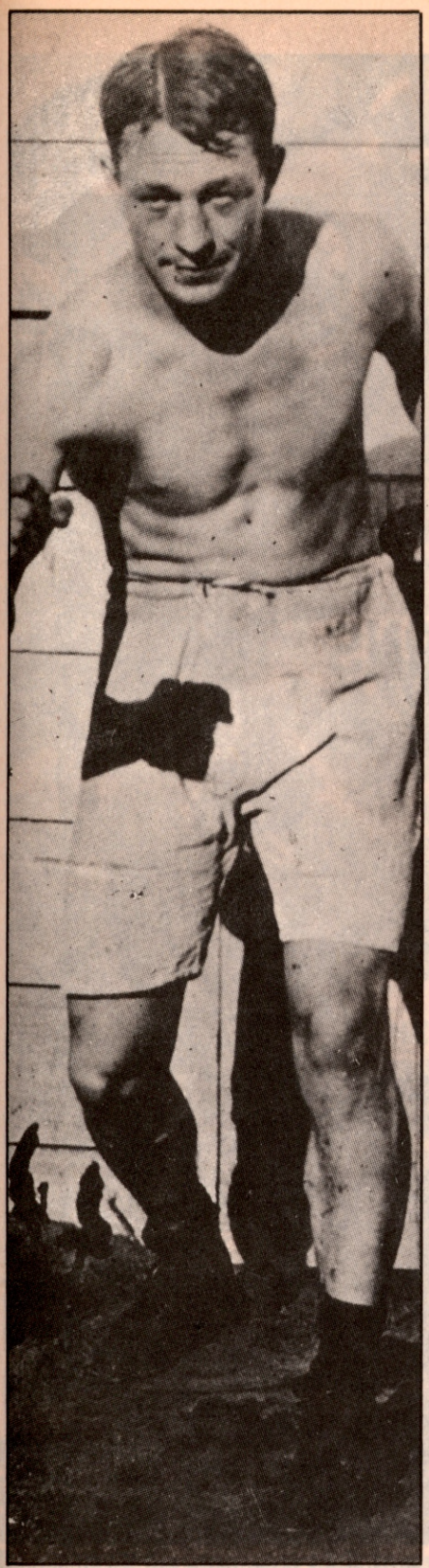
In 1908, Ketchel axed Mike (Twin) Sullivan in one round. Sullivan was the holder of something called the California World Welterweight Title and it was this title which was on the line when he met Ketchel, hence Ketchel's claim to the welterweight crown. Sullivan had won this so-called title by outpointing Honey Mellody over 20 rounds. Besides the California version of the title, Mellody also held the genuine world title, but that was not up for grabs when Sullivan beat him. Therefore, Mellody managed to hold onto the "real championship" until Frank Mandell took away that honor via a 15-round knockout five months after Mellody's loss to Sullivan. And you thought things were confusing today.

Ketchel went on to win the middleweight championship by stopping Mike's brother, Jack (Twin) Sullivan, in 20 rounds, May 9, 1908, but that's not the end of the story. The next year, he fought two bouts with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, then holder of the light heavyweight title. The first fight was a 10-round no decision affair, and according to all accounts a dandy scrap. The pair was matched again a few months later and Ketchel stopped O'Brien in the third round. So why wasn't he light heavyweight champion?

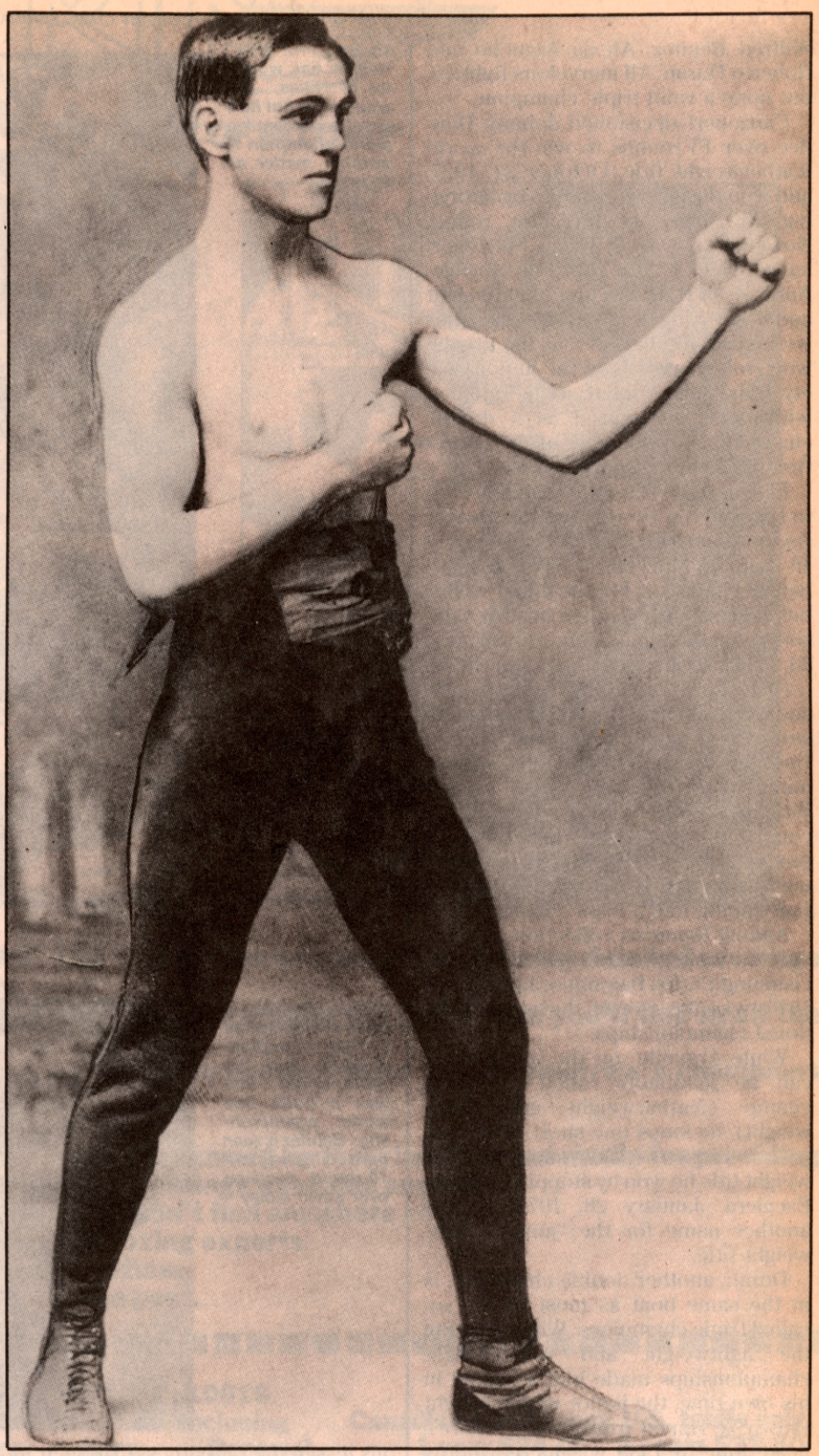
It seems that the light heavyweight title wasn't considered too hot of a property at the time and had fallen into disuse by the time Ketchel and O'Brien met four years after "Philadelphia Jack" had beaten Fitzsimmons. In fact, O'Brien never defended the 175-pound belt, though he twice challenged Tommy Burns, unsuccessfully, for the heavyweight title. As it was, there was not a match for the light heavyweight championship of the world after the O'Brien-Fitzsimmons bout until Jack Dillon outpointed Battling Levinsky for the vacant title, April 14, 1914.

Other triple title claimants are Tony Canzoneri, Barney Ross, Emile Griffith,

Bob Fitzsimmons (right) squares off with George Gardner prior to their battle for the light heavyweight title, November 25, 1903. Fitzsimmons was 40-years-old at the time, but still had enough left to win his third world championship.



Though only generally recognized as middleweight champion, Stanley Ketchel also laid "claim" to the welter and light heavyweight titles.



"Terrible" Terry McGovern came close to winning three world championships when he stopped reigning lightweight king Frank Erne. However, Erne's title was not on the line and McGovern had to settle for world titles in the bantam and featherweight divisions.

Wilfred Benitez, Alexis Arguello and Roberto Duran. All marvelous fighters, but none a valid triple champion.

Canzoneri decisioned Johnny Dundee over 15 rounds to win the world featherweight title, October 24, 1927, and won the lightweight title by flattening Al Singer in the first round, November 14, 1930. When Canzoneri kayoed Jackie "Kid" Berg in Chicago, April 24, 1931, both Tony's lightweight and Berg's junior welterweight titles were at stake. However, as the title he won from Berg was of the junior variety, Canzoneri will have to be satisfied with being recognized as a double champion and a member of *The Ring's* Boxing Hall of Fame.

Ross' case is similar and connected to Canzoneri's. He was both the welter (by outpointing Jimmy McLarnin over 15 rounds, May 28, 1934) and lightweight champion, but the junior welter belt he also earned when beating Canzoneri for the lightweight crown, June 23, 1933, was just that . . . a junior title.

Griffith, a three-time welterweight and two-time middleweight champion, won the vacant European Boxing Union version of the junior middleweight title by outpointing Ted Wright, October 17, 1962, in Vienna, becoming the first 154-pound champ in boxing history. Nevertheless, this dubious distinction is not enough to warrant calling him a triple champ.

Among Benitez's collection of belts, only the welterweight title, won by decisioning Carlos Palomino, January 14, 1979, was for one of the eight traditional championships.

While Arguello, on the other hand, can be justifiably called a double champ (featherweight and lightweight), he stops one short of the hat trick because the WBC super featherweight title he won by stopping Alfredo Escalera, January 28, 1978, is just another name for the "junior" lightweight title.

Duran, another double champion, is in the same boat as most of the so-called triple champions: While winning the lightweight and welterweight championships made him a legend in his own time, the junior middleweight crown he ripped from Davey Moore's head, June 16, 1983, was mere window dressing.

So what does it all mean? Does the fact McGovern, Ketchel, Hearns and the rest were not really triple champions lessen their greatness? Do their individual accomplishments pale in the revealing light of boxing tradition?

I would say not.

All of the champions discussed here are either current or future members of *The Ring's* Boxing Hall of Fame. None of them need any artificial titles to enhance their reputations. Their fistic deeds speak for themselves. □

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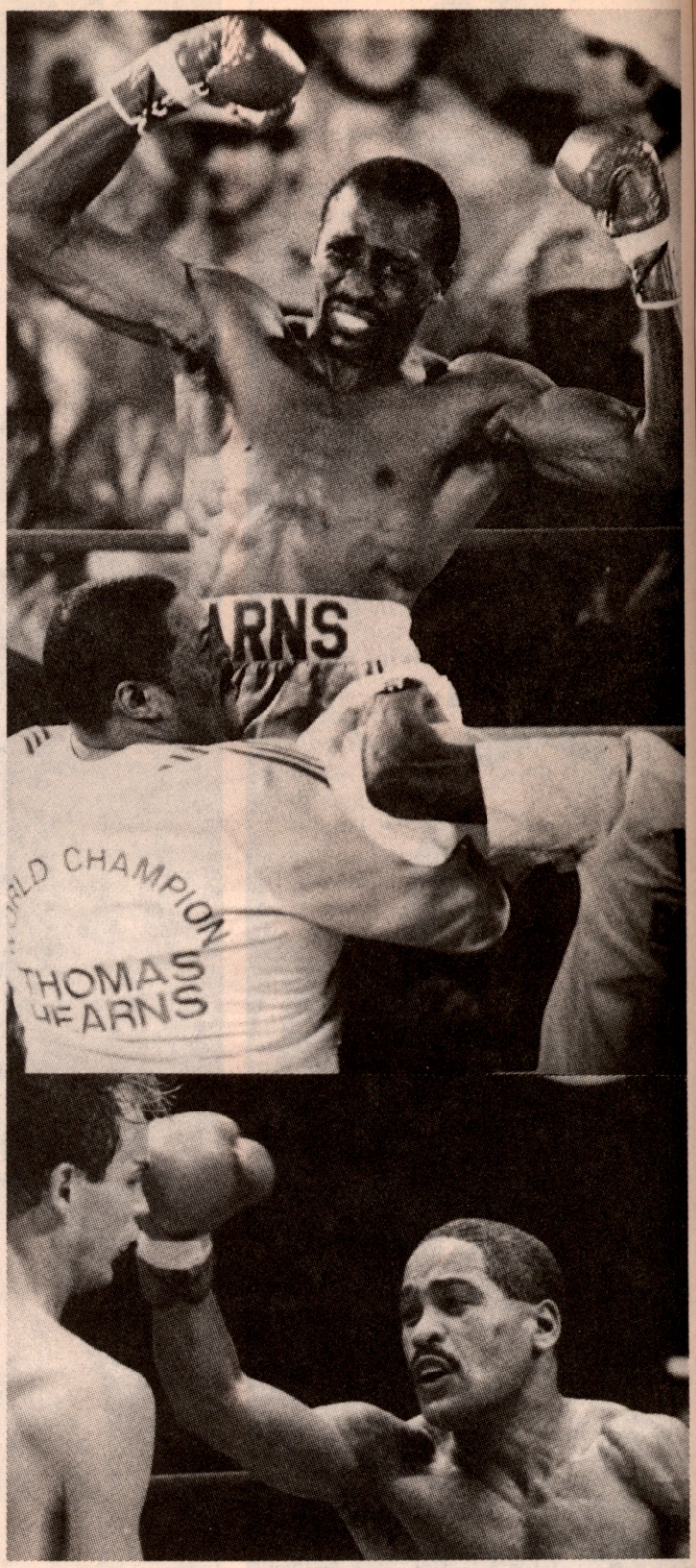

Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns has won a lot of "titles," but whether or not he's ever been a genuine world champion is another matter altogether.

Wilfred Benitez is often mislabeled as a triple champion. Actually, only his welterweight title was a bona fide world championship. Benitez is seen here on his way to a 10-round decision over Kevin Moley.

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Since artist Charlie McGill drew this cartoon for THE RING several years ago, the IBF has joined the WBA and WBC in an unholy triumvirate collectively known as the Alphabet Boys.

THE TEMPTATION TO VISIT A MEETING of one or another of the Alphabet Boys' has always been there, of course, but the prospect was always a little scary to me. If I went to one of their confabs as an observer, I figured, I might get so disgusted with watching their shenanigans at first hand that I'd throw up my hands and give up on boxing finally and completely.

Or maybe, since I'm not known for saying nice things about these organizations, I'd be met by three or four large men who'd fit me with concrete overshoes and flush me down the nearest toilet.

It might even happen, I thought, that these guys would turn out to be fairly honest and well-intentioned, destroying all the negative prejudices I've cultivated about the Alphabet Boys for lo these many years. And if I had to come away with a positive attitude towards them, that would really be a hell of a note.

But when Sam Macias, president of the North American Boxing Federation (the regional arm of the WBC), invited me to the group's annual meeting at New Orleans as a guest speaker this summer, I went. For one thing, it would be my first opportunity to give a real public speech since my high-school Forensics Club days. For another, it would give me a chance to take some shots at the Alphabet Boys in person, and to let them take theirs at me if they so chose. Fair's fair.

And as it turned out, it was an interesting experience. The convention itself appeared to be more a social event than a business one; my impression was that there turned out to be a lot more talking than there was actually getting things done. But the talking, at least, led me to several conclusions, some of which I had suspected all along, others of which surprised me a little.

AT LARGE AMONG THE ALPHABET BOYS

By Joseph D'O'Brian

The main thing that surprised me was the realization that of the various NABF and WBC bigwigs in attendance, no more than two or three were really as crooked as I had thought. Most of them, in fact, are very well-meaning and reasonably honest. Even Jose Sulaiman, head of the WBC, whom I have often castigated in print, really does want to do boxing some good.

Another thing that surprised me was how well my speech was received. Full of my usual arrogance, I had come down to New Orleans armed with a nasty little 20-minute talk on how just about everybody in the world thinks the Alphabet Boys are a bunch of bloodsuckers, and they'd better clean up their act or clean up their image, preferably both. And when I was done, there must have been 40 delegates out of 100 or so who came up to me and said (softly), "Somebody needed to say what you said." About the only fellow present who appeared to take offense was Bob Arum, which, when you stop to think about it, isn't surprising.

What didn't surprise me at all was the gossip I picked up about how the WBC is actually run. My suspicion all along has been that under a veneer of democracy, the WBC is an autocracy, ruled solely by Sulaiman. And according to the conversation that flowed freely once we'd all been lubricated with a little Scotch, that is indeed the case. The institution of the 12-round limit on title fights, for instance,

Promoter Bob Arum was one of the few in attendance at the NABF convention who seemed upset at D'O'Brian's speech.

was Sulaiman's decision and his alone, imposed over the dissent of most WBC members. At least, that's the scuttlebutt.

As I've said, I no longer believe that Sulaiman is entirely evil. I think he sincerely loves boxing and sincerely wishes to improve the sport. But he does appear to have an ego even bigger than my own, and a hunger for personal power that corrupts many of his best intentions.

And there is no doubt that the WBA and IBF are run by men with similar problems. There's the rub.

The main problem, apparently, with these organizations, is that even when they're trying to accomplish something that will benefit boxing and/or boxers, they tend to do it in such a high-handed manner that it's bound to alienate a lot of people; thus, the good intentions are lost while the negative consequences remain.

A good example of this occurred at the NABF conference, when Mr. Sulaiman invited me to a meeting of himself and several other high-ranking members to discuss the possibility of setting up a pension plan for boxers.

On the face of it, this sounded like a great idea. Feasibility studies were presented, and while they didn't look perfect, it did appear that some sort of a plan would be workable. And certainly it would be terrific if even a handful of boxers were able to retire with a little nest egg that they might otherwise have frittered away.

Here was the problem, though: As soon as they'd looked over these feasibility studies, the only thing the fellows at the table were able to talk about was how they could succeed in making participation in the pension plan compulsory. It became not so much a matter of helping boxers as imposing more rules on them, whether they liked it or not. And of course the result of this

THE RING'S Joe D'O'Brian was surprised to discover that WBC president Jose Sulaiman isn't such a bad guy after all.

will be that the average boxer won't say, "Gee, what a good idea! I'll let the WBC manage my money, and I'll have something to retire on someday." No, he'll say, "Yeah, there they go again, finding another excuse to take money away from me."

My point is this: If the Alphabet Boys wanted to make themselves more popular and reputable, they might do well to concentrate on *offering*, rather than dictating, ideas and programs that might benefit boxing.

It's human nature to want to impose your will on everyone else. But too often, this desire completely blocks a man's good intentions.

This type of mentality is also the kind of thing that leads to most of the ludicrous title-strippings by these organizations. Usually, a "champion" is stripped of his "title" by one or another of the Alphabet Boys for refusing to defend against the organization's hand-picked contender. Very often, they'll use as an excuse the fact that the champ had signed a contract to fight whomever that organization would dictate, within a certain time period.

Okay, then. Why haven't any of these organizations thought of simply suing the guy for breach of contract? If they tried that, instead of stripping him, they'd probably get their way, and their "titles" would earn a lot more credibility simply by being won and lost in the ring instead of in the back rooms of the organizational headquarters.

In sum, then, I came away with one of my prejudices still intact: I continue to believe that the Alphabet Boys are so power-hungry that they will seldom manage to accomplish much that's worthwhile.

But I was wrong to believe that these organizations are made up of bad men. There are plenty of good ones there. And if dialogue could be established among all the good guys, from all the organizations, and if they all agreed to check their egos at the door, we might see some improvement in this sport at last.

EXCERPTS FROM JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN'S SPEECH AT THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION ANNUAL CONVENTION, 26 JUNE, 1987

I am speaking to you today, not as a member of any governing organization; not as a fighter, manager or promoter. I am speaking as a man who has no personal financial or political interest in boxing. I am speaking as a boxing fan—a devoted boxing fan—and as a plain old working journalist whose job it is to observe this sport.

... I shall give you something that you may not hear very often: The views of ordinary boxing fans, the men and women I go to the fights with, who love the sport unequivocally, and who wish it all the best, and who are thoroughly disgusted with the way it is being governed today.

... In assessing the way boxing is now being governed, many boxing fans have been led, rightly or wrongly, to several inescapable conclusions.

First, that there is no real difference between the three main governing bodies, the WBA, the WBC and IBF.

Second, that these three bodies, as things stand today, are doing the sport far more harm than good.

Third, that these organizations ... are not operating with the best interests of the sport at heart. [Many fans] have been forced to conclude ... that each organization is controlled by men and women who operate with a primary view to personal material gain, and to the consolidation of personal political power.

For those reasons, many boxing fans firmly believe that the sport of boxing, as a whole, can do without the services of the WBA, WBC and IBF.

... Ask yourselves this: Are any of the gains boxing has recently experienced being attributed by the average fan to any of the three international governing bodies?

On the other hand, let me remind you of some recent occurrences for which, in the opinion of much of the general public, the WBA, WBC and IBF bear full responsibility.

Less than one generation ago, there were eight weight divisions in the sport of boxing. In each division, there was one champion. Anyone who followed boxing at all closely could recite the champions of each weight class, as well as a half-dozen or so of the top contenders in each weight class.

. Today, thanks to the efforts of each governing organization to flex its political muscles, and in the interests of gaining revenue through the imposition of sanctioning fees and by packing the television networks with so-called championship bouts, boxing has had inflicted upon it no less than 17 weight

divisions. In some cases, three pounds differentiates one weight class from another.

At present, there are some 50 men claiming to be champion of the world at one or another of these weight divisions. I can name about half of them from memory; I doubt that many people could do better than that.

Less than one generation ago, you could pretty much count on the champion of each division defending his title against the most deserving contender. He might have been afraid to do so; he might have realized that this particular bout would not make him a lot of money; he might have had any number of reasons for wanting to defend against some club fighter from Albania instead. But boxers, by and large, are men of honor. If it's up to them, they'll fight the man who deserves to fight them.

Some of us wish we could see the same integrity in the matchmaking tendencies of the Alphabet Boys.

In the past few years, we have seen the following men challenge for the world championship of one division or another, always with the blessing, and often at the insistence, of one or another of the Alphabet Boys:

Chung Chong-Kwan, challenger for the IBF light flyweight title. Record: 11 wins, 8 losses, 2 draws.

Diamond Jim MacDonald, challenger for the IBF light heavyweight title. This was a man who had lost two of his last six bouts, one by kayo to the ever-popular Arthell Lawhorne.

Bashew Sibaca, challenger for the WBA featherweight title. Now, who the Hell was he?

Hideyuki Ohashi, challenger for the WBC light flyweight title. Record: five wins, one loss.

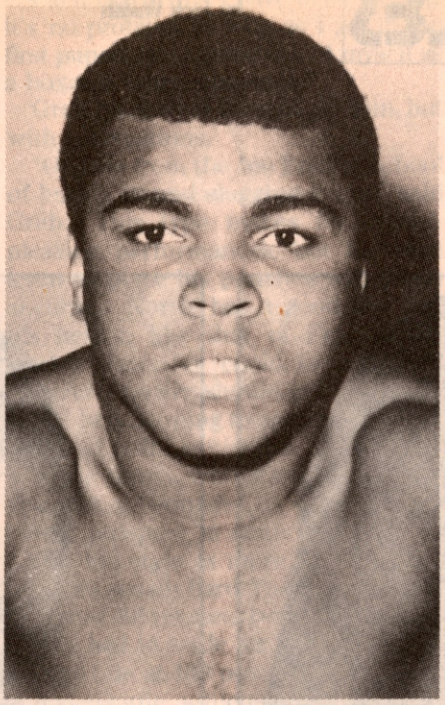
... Many fans, including myself, have drawn some unpleasant conclusions from these goings-on.

... [And] as has been demonstrated to us time and again, no champion of any of these organizations must fear his opponent so much as he must fear the organization itself.

In 1964, the WBA stripped Muhammad Ali of his heavyweight title for the high crime of being a Black Muslim.

In 1978, the WBC stripped Leon Spinks of the heavyweight title for giving Muhammad Ali a rematch. Yes, for giving Muhammad Ali a rematch.

In 1984, the WBC stripped Larry Holmes of the heavyweight title because he insisted, quite rightly, that a



Muhammad Ali was stripped of his world title by the WBA and the rest of boxing's governing bodies for the high crime of being a Black Muslim.

championship bout should be scheduled for 15 rounds.

A few months ago, the WBA threatened to strip Lloyd Honeyghan of the welterweight title for refusing to fight the WBA's number-one contender, Harold Volbrecht.

That's right. The WBA decreed that Volbrecht was more deserving of a title shot than Mark Breland, Donald Curry, Maurice Blocker, Tommy Ayers or Simon Brown.

... In other words, being champion of the world is apparently no longer a matter of beating the right man at the right time. It's a matter of kissing the right backsides, all the time.

... It's time that the people who have the best interests of boxing at heart—the fans, the fighters, and regional organizations such as this one that are concerned with preserving the integrity of the sport on a local level—got together and put a stop to this.

You could bring honesty to boxing. You could govern boxing fairly, and without undue interference. You could allow a world championship fight to go on, without anyone having to pay an outrageous sanctioning fee. You could see to it that the deserving contenders always got the shots. You could light a match under the leeches that are sucking the sport dry, and make them drop off. You—the North American Boxing Federation—could set an example as one boxing organization that will not put up with any of the crap that a few bad apples are trying to inflict on boxing—if you wanted to.

I suggest that the NABF begin by coordinating with the other regional organizations, whatever branch of the Alphabet Boys they might be affiliated with, and that the WBC coordinate with the WBA, the IBF, maybe even the WAA—and that all of you coordinate with the boxers themselves. All of them, from world champs to prelim kids. Discuss the issue with them. Get their opinions.

Encourage the various champions to get together and have a tournament to determine one champion per division. Don't bother to get anyone's permission! Just do it! Who's to stop you?

And once you've got one champion per division, why not let him and his manager decide who the champ should fight? Think that'll leave you with nothing to do? Hell no it won't!

You will then be in a position to be what a governing body is supposed to be: a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Instead of having a reputation for falsifying the ratings, you could be known for setting up drug-treatment programs for fighters who need them.

Instead of being known chiefly for collecting sanctioning fees, you could be known for collecting pension funds to help boxers who don't retire rich.

Instead of taking away people's titles because you don't like their faces, you could improve the public images of these champions by urging them to get involved in charitable projects.

Instead of ruining the sport by shortening championship bouts, you could publicize your sports medicine research programs that *have* made a difference.

In short, you could give your organization the best name in boxing.

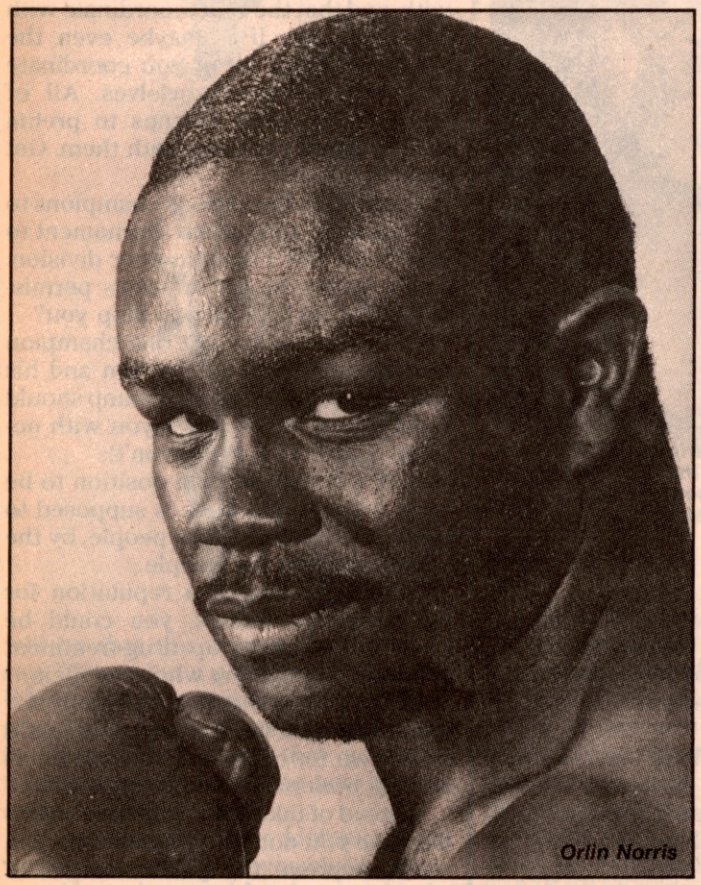
... If boxing is to survive, it must rely entirely on the good will of the people inside the sport. Many of the ordinary fans with whom I come in contact have seen no good will from many of the people who hold power in boxing today. But I think—I hope—that I see it in you, ladies and gentlemen of the NABF.

... And you are the people who should be running this sport. As for the bad apples, now's the time to tell them to go to Hell. □

New Faces

by Jack Welsh

ORLIN AND TERRY NORRIS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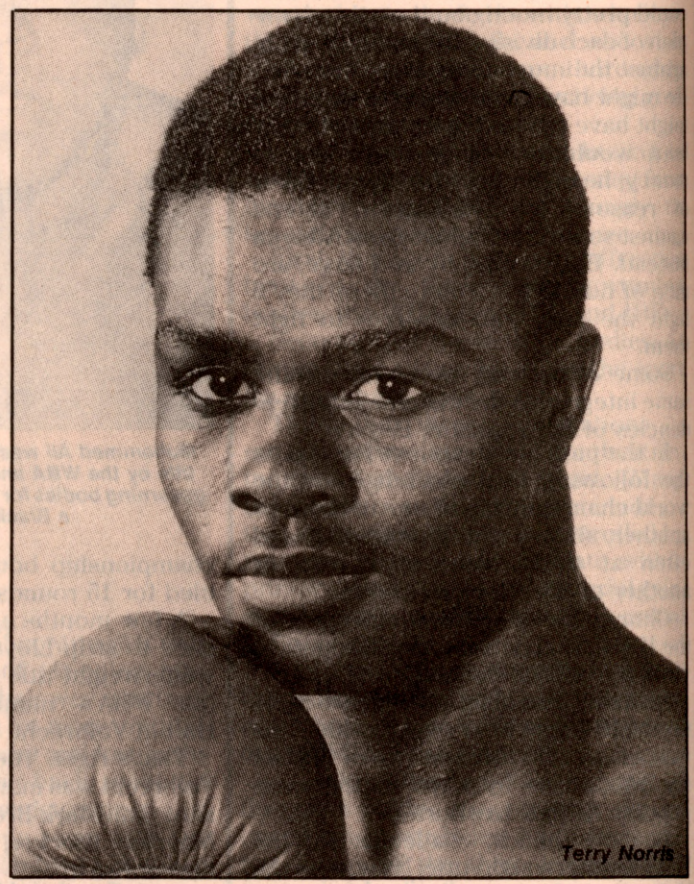

Terry Norris

BROTHER COMBINATIONS WHO WIN world championships are as rare as 10-second knockouts. The rarest of all came in 1983 when Donald and Bruce Curry held the WBA welterweight and WBC super lightweight titles, respectively, to become the only brothers to reign simultaneously.

At the moment, Orlin and Terry Norris, in only their second season of punching for cash, aren't concerned with emulating the Curry's considerable achievement. They're just concentrating on improving their skills. Yet, since coming west from Lubbock, the native Texans have made inroads as solid prospects.

The Norris hopefuls toil under the management of First Fighter Squadron, a sobriquet that has nothing to do with flying, just fighting on a boxing ranch called K.O. Corral in Campo, California, 60 miles east of San Diego. The 21-year-old Orlin is a 5′ 10½″ heavyweight, scaling 208 to 212, with a 12-1, six KOs ledger. The 19-year-old Terry is a 5′ 10″ middleweight going around 153 pounds. He is 12-0 with seven KOs.

Wes Wambold, busy moving James Kinchen before personal differences split the union last year, originally spotted Orlin in the amateurs. Orlin started amateur boxing as an 11-year-old, 95-pounder. By the time he turned pro, he had won all but 10 of 351 amateur bouts, 70 percent of the victories coming by KO. He had also blossomed into a full-fledged heavyweight.

In 1982, Orlin won the national Golden Gloves title weighing 139 pounds. He missed the next three years and, though anxious to turn pro, he still wanted one more national championship. He got it in 1986.

Invited to check out the K.O. Corral facilities, Orlin had no problem deciding, "the west was best for any young fighter who wanted to be a world champion."

A couple of quick KOs over Lionel Washington and Levi Billups lost some of their spice when Orlin suffered his only loss, a narrow four-round decision to Olian Alexander. Norris' trainer, Richard Wambold, and his team of managers, Joe Sayatovich, Frankie Ghani, Mike Thorsnes and Neil Durkey, all California businessmen, dismissed it as "one of those things in Orlin's learning process as a professional."

Orlin began to raise some eyebrows when he came in as an 11th-hour substitute against durable Rufus "Hurricane" Hadley in a Top Rank/ESPN 10-round main event February 12 at the Showboat Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas. Hadley was scheduled to face highly regarded Avery Rawls of Los Angeles, but Rawls came down with a virus the week before the fight. Hadley, an American defector from Don King's fistic menagerie boxing out of Edmonton, Alberta, can be difficult if the spirit moves him, but the shorter

Norris looked like a budding Mike Tyson as he leaped and lunged his way to a unanimous decision.

Orlin made his third start of the month two weeks later when he rolled into San Diego to chill rugged Mike Gans of San Francisco at 2:51 of the seventh round in a main event at the El Cortez Convention Center. Rawls, having recovered from the flu, was scheduled to meet promising Mike Williams at the Showboat March 20. Rawls was fit, but Williams injured a shoulder training. Once again, Mel Greb, Top Rank's matchmaker in Nevada, reached for the phone with the battle cry, "Get Orlin Norris." Orlin took the fight on less than a week's notice against a heavyweight hopeful promoter Bob Arum was giving special attention to.

Rawls had the edge in height and reach, plus a 10-1-1, eight KOs calling card. Again, the squat Norris found himself punching up at a 6′ 1″ opponent and again Orlin kept Rawls off balance with his unorthodox but effective offense.

Orlin's victory earned him a berth on Top Rank's Caesars Palace show the weekend of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Marvin Hagler fight, but Norris' work came three nights before Leonard's upset. The Texan's foe was 6′ 3″ Eddie Richardson of Dallas, a power hitter better than his 12-6-1, seven KOs log would indicate. Richardson's jab almost earned him the first round until Orlin found the range with a flurry of lefts and rights to the head. Orlin took complete charge in the second round and hurt his man along the ropes. Just as Richardson began to wilt, Orlin landed a right that stretched his rival at 1:22.

Wambold expects Norris to get a shot at Dee Collier of Los Angeles for the California heavyweight title.

"The fight was originally set for June in Oakland, but I guess they heard about Orlin against Gary Lightbourne in Vegas," said Wambold.

The trainer was referring to Norris' latest score against an authentic giant. Lightbourne, 27, a Bahamas' native out of Fort Lauderdale, was making his Vegas debut as a 6-4 counterpuncher with minimum power. Orlin's stature was an advantage against his larger foe as he lunged and punched away over 10 rounds, almost pitching a shutout.

"The training is more intense and I have learned to pace myself much better," said Orlin, discussing the difference between the pro and amateur ranks. "I've been facing an awful lot of tall boxers and that's why I have been lunging. It's no problem as long as I get in the first punch. But I still think of myself as a boxer, a counterpuncher."

Greb likes what he sees in Orlin, but with reservations.

"Orlin is from the Joe Frazier school of boring in and slugging it out," said Greb. "This type makes for crowd-pleasing performances, but he must learn to place his punches with more accuracy. Norris has a good jaw and his height, like that of Frazier and Rocky Marciano, could be an asset. Punching power should get better because he's learning to snap rather than slap and cuff his punches."

Terry Norris, who started as a nine-year-old, 67-pounder, is considered a better prospect in some quarters because his style is more fluid and he punches equally hard. Though he lost only four of 295 amateur bouts, the younger Norris had to settle for a Texas Golden Gloves title at 139 pounds in 1984.

A versatile athlete, Terry had to make a choice between boxing or a college baseball scholarship.

"I lettered for four years at Dunbar High School playing center field," said Terry. "I averaged over .400 hitting a lot to different fields, not too many home runs. I was approached by Dallas Institute and the University of Houston. It was tempting, but I'm not sorry I chose boxing."

Terry scored just two knockouts in his first seven pro bouts, but his ever-improving power started to show February 26 when he knocked out Dickie Green in one round. In March, he erased Tino Leon in one, then came back only 10 days later to stop Moral Veronica in two. Greb put him on the April 3 card at Caesars Palace, but hardly anybody saw him since he took just 40 seconds to stretch Ernesto Reyes. He followed that with a three-round KO of Nathan Dwyer.

"Here's a highly promising youngster who has shown flashes of greatness considering his limited experience to date," said Greb. "Young Norris has a tendency to slug it out and until he learns to settle down, he will be in the experimental stage. But once he resorts to basic boxing fundamentals, he'll be on the road to success. He has to curb his wildness in the heat of action, but Terry has a great jab and he can hook off the jab. There are a lot of fighters with more experience who can't do that."

Terry Norris also has an opinion about the pro ranks.

"I guess the biggest thing to adjust to is the rounds are longer and you're facing a lot of different styles," said Terry. "But that's the only way to learn. Pace and stamina is important, but nobody's rushing me, and I'm not in any hurry. I consider myself a boxer-puncher. My straight right and the hook are probably my best punches. I didn't get any heat from my parents when I passed up baseball to box. Maybe that's because dad fought almost 15 years ago. Anyway, I hope I can learn to hit in the ring like I did on the diamond." □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF ORLIN NORRIS

Campo, California heavyweight
Born: October 4, 1965 (Lubbock, Texas)
Height: 5′ 10½″
Managers: Joe Sayatovich, Frankie Ghani, Mike Thorsnes & Neil Durkey
Trainer: Richard Wambold

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1986		
June 16	Lionel Washington	Bakersfield	KO3
July 25	Levi Billups	San Diego	KO1
Aug. 2	Olian Alexander	San Jose	L4
Sept. 18	Kenneth Mitchell	San Diego	W4
Sept. 24	Ricky Reese	Irvine	KO1
Oct. 28	Michael Bardwell	Reseda	W6
Nov. 21	David Smith	Reseda	W4
	1987		
Feb. 5	Roger Troupe	Reseda	KO2
Feb. 12	Rufus Hadley	Las Vegas	W10
Feb. 26	Mike Gans	San Diego	KO7
Mar. 20	Avery Rawls	Las Vegas	W10
Apr. 3	Eddie Richardson	Las Vegas	KO2
May 27	Gary Lightbourne	Las Vegas	W10

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
13	12	1	0	6

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF TERRY NORRIS

Campo, California middleweight
Born: June 17, 1967 (Lubbock, Texas)
Height: 5′ 10″
Managers: Joe Sayatovich, Frankie Ghani, Mike Thorsnes & Neil Durkey
Trainer: Richard Wambold

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1986		
Aug. 2	Jose Cordova	San Jose	KO1
Aug. 13	Carlos Gutierrez	Inglewood	W4
Sept. 25	George Murphy	Inglewood	W4
Oct. 7	Daryl Colquitt	Inglewood	KO4
Nov. 21	Carlos Gutierrez	Reseda	W4
Dec. 3	Lang McGowan	Inglewood	W4
	1987		
Feb. 5	Gilbert Baptist	Riverside	W4
Feb. 26	Dickie Green	San Diego	KO1
Mar. 16	Tino Leon	Inglewood	KO1
Mar. 26	Moral Veronica	Los Angeles	KO2
Apr. 3	Ernesto Reyes	Las Vegas	KO1
May 27	Nathan Dwyer	Las Vegas	KO3

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
12	12	0	0	7

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

The winner and still WBA junior middleweight champion . . . Mike McCallum. The "Body Snatcher" also won THE RING'S Fighter of the Month honors for his crushing knockout victory over Donald Curry.

THOUGH HE WAS UNDEFEATED, WBA JUNIOR MIDDLEweight champion **Mike McCallum** was the underdog going into his title defense against Donald Curry. For a while, it looked like the oddsmakers were right, but one left hook to the jaw and it was all over. Curry was out cold and McCallum had successfully defended his belt for the sixth time via knockout. His spectacular victory was also impressive enough to make the hard-punching Jamaican *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month.

Mike Tyson is this month's runner-up by virtue of his hard-fought decision over Tony Tucker for the combined WBA, WBC and IBF heavyweight titles in Las Vegas.

In a month crowded with excellent performances, we have awarded honorable mentions to **Rene Arredondo,** who regained the WBC super lightweight crown with a sixth-round TKO over Tsuyoshi Hamada; **Antonio Esparragoza,** who defended his world featherweight championship with a 10th-round kayo over Pascual Aranda; and **Jose Luis Ramirez,** who won the vacant WBC lightweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Terrence Alli. □

RAMIREZ-ALLI
WBC Lightweight Title

ST. TROPEZ, FRANCE—JOSE Luis Ramirez regained a portion of the lightweight title when he scored a unanimous, 12-round decision over Terrence Alli to grab the WBC 135-pound belt.

Ramirez had held the WBC title until losing to Hector Camacho in August, 1985. Camacho has apparently abandoned the division for larger game, and the WBC declared the championship vacant, giving Ramirez and Alli the chance to move into the empty post.

Ramirez, of Mexico, grabbed the opportunity, winning by scores of 115-113 (twice) and 114-113, a last-round rally assuring him of victory.

Alli started quickly in his second crack at a piece of the lightweight championship, the first having ended in an 11-round TKO defeat to Harry Arroyo in 1985. Moving well, the Guyanan outboxed the plodding Ramirez.

But Alli faded as the fight progressed, much as he had done against Arroyo, and Ramirez started to close the gap as Alli began to tire from his constant movement and the body-punching of Ramirez. In the ninth round, Ramirez landed a left that drove Alli across the ring. With Alli tiring, the southpaw Ramirez found the range, scoring well with hooks and uppercuts.

Ramirez kept up the pressure in the 10th and 11th sessions. While Alli banged back, he wasn't as effective as in the earlier rounds, and Ramirez started to walk through his punches.

Sensing the decision was up for grabs, both went for a big finish. Ramirez scored first, hurting Alli with a left. Alli tried to rally, but another Ramirez left stunned him and yet another buckled his legs.

Ramirez poured it on, hammering Alli around the ring as referee Tony Perez watched closely. Alli grabbed Ramirez to buy some time, then beat a retreat on unsteady legs as Ramirez tried in vain for the stoppage.

The win was the 98th for Ramirez, who began his career 14 years ago at the age of 14. The new titleholder has suffered six defeats, the last five coming against Ruben Olivares, Alexis Arguello, Ray Mancini, Edwin Rosario and Camacho.

The 27-year-old Alli, who now fights out of Brooklyn, slipped to 33-5-2.

(7-19-87)

TATE-DARRELL
USBA Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY—WITH MORE feints, fakes and fidgiting than clean effective punching, Frank Tate, 160, Houston, Texas, emerged from The Sands Copa Room with the USBA middleweight

title (vacated by Robbie Sims) when he posted a surprisingly wide win over Troy Darrell, 159, Hamilton, Bermuda. While it wasn't pretty or overly pleasing, it was passable ring entertainment.

The primary cause for this anticipated goodie going a bit sour was Darrell himself. Hey, but don't say he didn't warn anybody. He was quoted beforehand as saying, "When I trained for Olajide, I was trying to be aggressive. This fight, I'll be trying to box and counterpunch a lot."

He tried to do just that and found Tate rather disinclined to take up the sword. So while Troy fought out of character, Frank was content to slide along the edges. Sure, Darrell played the lead, but it was he who trailed behind as it was Tate who pocketed these initial garbage rounds with an 8-0-1 advantage on the three official cards, as well as that of *The Ring*.

In the fourth, Troy resorted to form and found an occasional home for his quick release right-hand lead. A resurgent Darrell even popped a spirited jab to continually force his rather elusive foe to the ropes. He was beginning to close the gap even if there wasn't any dynamite being unleashed to fill it in.

Round Five played out the same hand and was a crystal clear example of the chess match taking place on this gorgeous Sunday afternoon. A leery Tate watched every move with wide-eyed precaution, while Troy stalked with belligerent indecision. The mock aggression made it easier for Frank to steal a round. Troy had to force the action, but Tate remained relatively unencumbered and his freedom to move and set the pace stymied Darrell.

On too many encounters, Frank was able to use his rubber band body and thoroughbred legs to avoid any unnecessary showdowns. While consistency of attack was in neither man's corner this day, it was Tate who made enough points for (I thought I'd never say this) ring generalship. Troy was unable to pull the trigger for any telling blows; if he did, Tate was out of there in a hurry.

This time, while the script was different, the outcome was the same for Troy Darrell as in the Olajide bout. Many of these sessions were extremely close, but Darrell would end up losing rounds at a better than 3 to 1 ratio covering the entire 36 minutes. At no time was he ahead on any of the cards, and as in the May bout, he faded in the last two rounds. *The Ring* had it all even after 10, but, like all three judges, gave Tate 11 and 12. All in all, it added up to one of the best nonfights of the year.

Scores: Frank Brunette, 117-111, Rocky Castellani, 118-112, and John Stewart, 117-112. *The Ring* card read 115-113. The referee was Tony Orlando.

Tate's trainer, Jesse Reid, summed it up for his man afterwards by saying, "It was a great boxing exhibition for Frank and a nice learning experience. He was thwarted because Darrell didn't come after him, but he adjusted. Frank kept him on the end of his jabs enough to win the fight."

Angelo Dundee, who for the second straight time worked Troy's losing corner, had this to say in the press room. "I feel sorry for Troy, I truly do. I think it's a disgrace to give the other guy the decision. He (Troy) should have stayed in the dressing room, he would have got more points. He's got two losses, both have been controversial. If he gets any better, nobody will fight him."

Owen McGeachy, 135¼, Brooklyn, won a unanimous, six-round decision over David Franco, 134½, Plainfield, NJ. Scores: Castellani, 59-56. Brunette, 59-55. Stewart, 58-56. Referee was Randy Neumann. It was a fast-paced bout that had many wondering if Franco hadn't been robbed. David did have some nice moves, but Owen was certainly the busier.

In an uneventful walkout bout, Khalif Shabazz, 151, Hartford, Ct., took a unanimous four from Bill Robinson, 151¾, Brooklyn. Robinson was dropped once in the fourth. Ref: Neumann.

In a scheduled four, Lloyd Weaver, 156½, L.A., won by third-round TKO over Eddie Tyler, 160¾, Pittsburgh. Tyler, while never down, was taking a rather solid going over, due in no small part to the fact that his left eye was busted up and virtually closed when the doctors decided it was wise if he were not to answer the bell for the last round. Ref: Orlando.

Brother Troy Weaver, 163½, had an even easier time of it as he put John Salas, 166½, Phila., down three times before referee Neumann called it over at just 1:13 of the first; scheduled for four.

The third of Mike Weaver's brothers, Floyd, 152¼, appeared to be making it a trifecta in his scheduled six with Warren Williams, 152¾, Houston. Appeared, because after Floyd floored Williams three times, referee Tony Orlando used his discretion in allowing the bout to go on. Williams came back to drop Weaver twice (all this taking place in the first round, mind you), the last with a right hand that landed just after the bell.

Williams was initially awarded a KO win, but a protest was lodged by Weaver's management on two fronts: failure to enforce the three knockdown rule and claiming that Floyd was KO'd with a punch that clearly landed after the bell. The commission ruled days afterward that the discretionary part of the three knockdown rule is no longer in effect, therefore Orlando errored in letting the bout continue. To make a long story short, as of this writing, the bout has been changed to a no decision, with Williams' camp having the chance to appeal the appeal.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter: HBA & Stan Hoffman.
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
(7-12-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

FENECH-RICHARDSON
WBC Super Bantamweight Title

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—Aussie Jeff Fenech made the first defense of his WBC super bantamweight title when he met US champ Greg Richardson at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

They call Richardson "The Flea." And that's what he tried to do all night—flee. Until he quit cold in Round Five, that is. He also could be called "The Vice" because every time Fenech caught him, Richardson grabbed the champ's left arm in a vice-like grip. Fenech then would rain in punches with his right. Referee Larry Nadayag repeatedly told Richardson to stop holding. He warned him several times. He ordered break more times than Richardson landed punches. Yet Richardson's manager, Mike Garnick, complained to the referee at the end of Round Four about Fenech throwing his opponent around. Garnick also complained to WBC supervisor Ray Clarke, who told him to teach his boy not to clinch so much.

Garnick did not go down well here. We don't like squealers, particularly when the fault belongs to the squealer's party. Richardson was paid well to put on a fight with Fenech. He got his money under false pretenses.

Admittedly, Fenech was far too good for his challenger. Fenech is the best in the world at his weight, make no mistake. Admittedly, too, Richardson was outweighed, scaling 115¼ to Fenech's 122, but he came here with a No. 2 WBC bantam rating and a win over the No. 1 super bantamweight contender, Harold Petty. Richardson's record coming in was 25-1, the lone loss occurring in 1982, with three USBA title wins. Maybe none of his opponents ever hit him hard!

Fenech won every round. He chased Richardson around the ring. Each time Fenech caught him, Richardson would grab Fenech's left arm in a vice, so Fenech would rain blows at head and body with his right. When the referee ordered break, sometimes Richardson would refuse, so Fenech threw him away.

The whole contest, though it was much too onesided to be called a contest, was frustrating to Fenech and to the 6,000 fans who paid good money to see it. If Nadayag had broken every clinch as soon as it occurred, there would have been very few punches

landed. It was a race, one fighter going forward, the other going backward. Someone should have cut the ropes and let Richardson out of the ring!

If Richardson ever came here again, the only people he would draw would be his trainer and manager, his opponent and his opponent's second.

In the main support, billed for 10 rounds, Geoff Peate, 191, stopped fellow Aussie Roy Bijkerk, 201¼, in Round Nine because of cut eyes. Peate was ahead on points.

Over eight rounds, Joe Nitiva, Fijian-born, Australian-based, 164¼, hit too hard for Tongan-born Joe Lutui, 163¾, the bout being stopped in Round Six as Lutui rose from a knockdown.

Mark Cribb, 122, drew with Peter Warren, 122½, over eight rounds of a hard fight.

Alan Whitten, 116½, outpointed Billy Duluth, 116, via split decision over eight.

Promoter: Bill Mordey.

Judges: Marty Sammon, Malcolm Bulner & Kazumasa Kuwata.

(7-10-87)

RAY MITCHELL

FOREMAN-HOSTETTER

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA—George Foreman knocked out journeyman Charlie Hostetter in the third round, but the former heavyweight champion had to work before scoring his second comeback victory after a 10-year layoff.

Foreman had to call upon every bit of talent, experience and determination to restrain himself from flattening his opponent earlier in the bout. The one time Hostetter actually hit Foreman came when Hostetter was flailing his arms in a nervous panic and he managed to swipe Foreman on the cheek. Seconds later, Foreman cornered Hostetter and dropped him with a short right to the mouth. Referee Davey Nelson counted to 10, ending the main event at 2:01 of the round.

This seems to be the year of "The Comeback." Carlos Zarate, one of the all-time great bantamweight champions, seems to be the big-name trendsetter. Sugar Ray Leonard, Gerry Cooney and even Leon Spinks and Aaron Pryor have made comebacks, and how could one forget Roberto Duran? Some of the saddest stories in the fight game are about fighters who come out of retirement to return to the ring. George Foreman is 39 years old and, in terms of boxing history, the best one should expect is that he gets himself a decent payday. But, there's something different about Foreman. He can punch—hard.

"I think I showed that I'll be ready for a title fight," the winner said. "If I was offered a chance with Tyson, I would sign it now, today, and all I'd need was 30 days to get ready. I'm the hardest training fighter there is. If someone just spars a few rounds, runs just a few miles, they'll be in bad trouble against me. Anyone who faces me will have to train as much as I do. I am ready to reestablish myself as world champion."

Four months prior, Foreman had his first return fight, stopping Steve Zouski in four rounds. But Foreman weighed at least 267 and appeared sloppy, at best. Twenty pounds lighter, the man who once destroyed Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Ron Lyle just walked across the ring and scared Hostetter silly. Early in the first round, Foreman landed a right hand to Hostetter's ribs. It was meant as a get-acquainted punch, but the 202-pound Hostetter, from Odessa, Texas, dropping wearily to his knees. Foreman looked like he thought about helping his opponent up, then turned and casually walked away. Somehow Hostetter managed to get to his feet to continue.

For the remainder, it appeared George was dedicated to going a few rounds, developing his stamina and self-control.

"The two times I lost came when I thought I'd score a quick knockout," said Foreman. "My trainers, Archie Moore and Charlie Snipes, are helping me to take my time. I'd rather fight someone that came in, didn't run from me."

The loser was impressed.

"I never realized how hard he could hit," said Hostetter. "He hurt me with every punch he landed. He was a bit slow. I thought I had my rib broken when he caught me in the first round. There's no question in my mind that if he can lose another 10 pounds, he'll give Tyson a real tough battle."

A gold medal winner in the 1968 Olympics, Foreman has a pro record of 47-2 with 44 knockouts. Forty of his opponents failed to survive past four rounds, while 32 never finished three full rounds!

"I love boxing," Foreman kept saying before and after the bout. Ten years ago, when he was lying down in his dressing room after losing a decision to Jimmy Young, Foreman was overcome by the confusion and the summer heat of Puerto Rico. It was then Foreman decided to retire. The Lord called him, said Foreman, and he opened a storefront church in a little Texas town after becoming a minister of the gospel. With one punch, Foreman beat the hell out of the 30-year-old Hostetter and made a lot of believers in the audience.

Hostetter, who fell to 16-5 but made $15,000 for his misery, said, "He'd have a good chance against Tyson."

While everyone in the winner's camp loved hearing that, the truth is that Hostetter had just had his head hammered.

"I can't make it to the title unless I get rated," Foreman admitted. "I'll have to fight some names. There's been a lot of offers that haven't come through. Maybe now it'll change, but nobody wants to fight me. They ask for more money than I do."

A disappointing crowd of 1,763 shelled out a reported $41,365 at the gate. Foreman was paid $38,000. The promoters ended up with a significant tax write off.

In an eight-round preliminary bout, Mike Gans, 256, San Francisco, won a unanimous decision over Olian Alexander, 207, San Jose. Gans, 15-4, makes up for his considerable size with a lack of stamina. Alexander, 15-2, never tried to make his opponent chase after him to tire him out. Alexander kept himself planted and attempted to gain an advantage swapping punches. Gans won every card, 76-75 (twice) and 78-74.

In a four-rounder, Paris Alexander, 128, San Francisco, scored a unanimous decision over Abe Diaz, 126, Merced, after getting knocked down in the third.

In a six-rounder, Art "Stormy" Weather, 182, San Jose, stretched Alvin Dominey, 184, Odessa, in the first round.

Kenney Lopez, 140, San Jose, scored a first-round stoppage of Willie Makitoki, 141, San Jose.

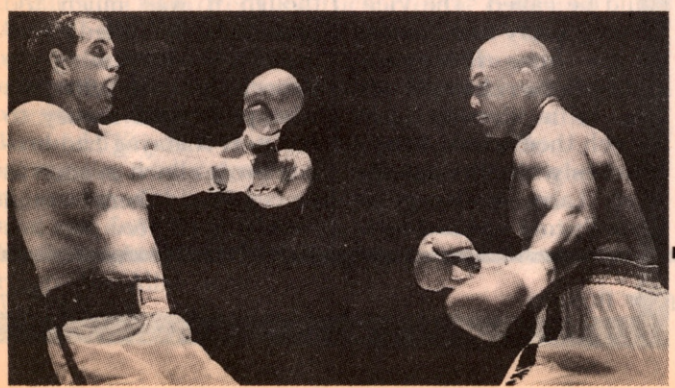
(7-9-87)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

MARSH-KAMEDA
IBF Jr. Welterweight Title

LONDON—Face covered with blood, Terry Marsh of Britain successfully defended his IBF junior welterweight title by stopping Japan's Akio Kameda.

At the end of Round Six, Kameda was examined in his corner by Dr. Adrian Whiteson, chief medical officer of the British Boxing Board of Control, who advised referee Randy



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George Foreman (right) attacks a panic-stricken Charlie Hostetter en route to a second-round knockout in Oakland, California. It was the 39-year-old Foreman's second win in his current comeback.

Neumann Kameda was in no condition to continue.

Dr. Whiteson stated, "He didn't know if he was coming or going. He was exhausted."

This victory reflects great credit on Marsh for it appeared just a matter of time that he would lose his crown after a collision of heads in Round Two of the scheduled 15-rounder opened a cut over Marsh's right eye. It was a bad one and, in the following round, another cut appeared.

So whatever fight plan Marsh had designed had to be abandoned in order to try for a quick victory, one that would occur before the cuts were considered to be bad enough to stop the fight in Kameda's favor.

Fortunately for Marsh, Neumann, a former heavyweight boxer, knew all about eye injuries and was prepared to give the champion every chance as long as the injury was kept within bounds by Marsh's corner, which it was.

So Marsh just kept after his opponent, punishing him with both hands, driving him back and forcing him to clinch on numerous occasions. Kameda was brave enough, but was overwhelmed by a champion who risked his cuts becoming more serious as he waded into the challenger.

In Round Five, Kameda went down. It looked more of a slip, but Neumann gave him an eight count. At least the challenger had a brief rest, but it was only brief as Marsh immediately went on the attack again, jabbing and hooking with quick punches from both hands that had Kameda looking bemused and bewildered.

Only courage kept Kameda on his feet in Round Six as he reeled around the ring and at the end of the session he practically collapsed. He was ushered to his corner, but it seemed obvious he could not continue, which was confirmed by the doctor's examination.

After, Kameda said, "I have no complaints about the decision. The referee was right to stop it."

Marsh admitted, "When I was cut, I couldn't see myself going the full 15 rounds, so I had to try and stop him, and quickly."

Thus Marsh successfully defended his title just 118 days after winning it, and it wasn't as much his victory but the manner of it that impressed. He showed skill, stamina and, above all, courage in the face of immense odds. In other words, it was a "champion" performance.

But what of the future? Marsh had gone on record saying he was thinking of retiring immediately after his first defense. Or, he would make just one more defense if the purse was right. The ideal match would be against Hector Camacho, who said he wasn't impressed by Marsh's performance.

"He had nothing to beat," said Camacho. "It will be a different story if and when he fights me."

The snag is that the logical contender is Frankie Warren, whose manager Lou Duva said, "No way will we step aside in favor of Camacho. He has no right to come in ahead of Frankie. Even if they offered us the Crown Jewels, we wouldn't give up our chance."

Marsh, sporting 13 stitches in three separate cuts and other facial injuries that did not require stitching, appeared at his London hotel the following day.

"I would like to meet Camacho," said Marsh. "I think I could beat him. After all, he is really only a lightweight. However, the price would have to be right. I would expect not less than half a million dollars."

It remains to be seen whether Camacho or Warren will be the next opponent if there is a next opponent for Marsh. Time—and money—will tell. And, in spite of his injuries, Marsh went back to his civilian job as a fireman the following morning. He has often said he loves his job and has no plans of leaving it, whatever may happen in his boxing career.

(7-1-87)

RON OLVER

CHANG-GARCIA

WBC Light Flyweight Title

INCHON, KOREA—"Korean Hawk" Jung-Koo Chang, 108, registered the 13th defense of his WBC light flyweight title as he battered Colombian challenger Agustin Garcia, 107¼, dropping him four times before the end came at 1:14 of the 10th session of the scheduled 12-round bout.

The 24-year-old Chang has now equaled the record for most successful defenses in the 108-pound class, tying former WBA champion Yoko Gushiken, who reached his mark in 1980. Garcia, 27, was taller and exhibited good footwork, but he couldn't outleg the fierce Hawk's relentless attacks.

Jung-Koo turned loose in the second round and dominated every round after. Agustin had beaten ex-titleholders Francisco Quiroz and Prudencio Cardona, but found Chang much tougher.

Boring in continually, the Korean threw many punches from all angles. Garcia tried everything to keep him off, being penalized points by referee Carlos Padilla for illegal use of the elbow in rounds four and nine.

Chang worked Garcia's body well in the fifth round, then dropped the fading challenger twice in the seventh, the first time with a left hook to the face, the second with a left uppercut to the chin. In the next stanza, Garcia was floored by a body shot, but was saved by the bell.

The game Colombian managed to survive the ninth round, but he absorbed much punishment.

A left hook followed by a right uppercut to the chin proved the haymaker. At the loser's fourth visit to the deck, the third man declared a halt.

The knockout was Chang's 15th in his 35-1 record, the loss being a controversial decision to Hilario Zapata in his first try to win the WBC crown in 1982. Garcia impaired to 23-6-3 with six knockouts.

After the ninth round, Mexico's Arsenio Garcia had scored 90-79, Japan's Kazumasa Kuwata had it 90-76 and Eduardo Velasco of the Philippines saw it 89-78, all for the defending champ.

Isidro Perez, the perennial top contender, was originally scheduled to meet Chang, but Perez suffered an upset KO by unheralded Willie Salazar in March, had his jaw broken and asked for a postponement. Perez, the WBC's fourth-ranked contender, will be Chang's 14th challenger in October. Now that the "Korean Hawk" has seemingly regained his firepower with three straight knockouts, he will beat Perez and better the class record held by him and Gushiken.

Promoter: Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.
WBC Witness: Frank Quill (Australia).
Attendance: 25,000 (est.).
(6-28-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

Spinks Waits At Finish Line For Triple Crown Winner

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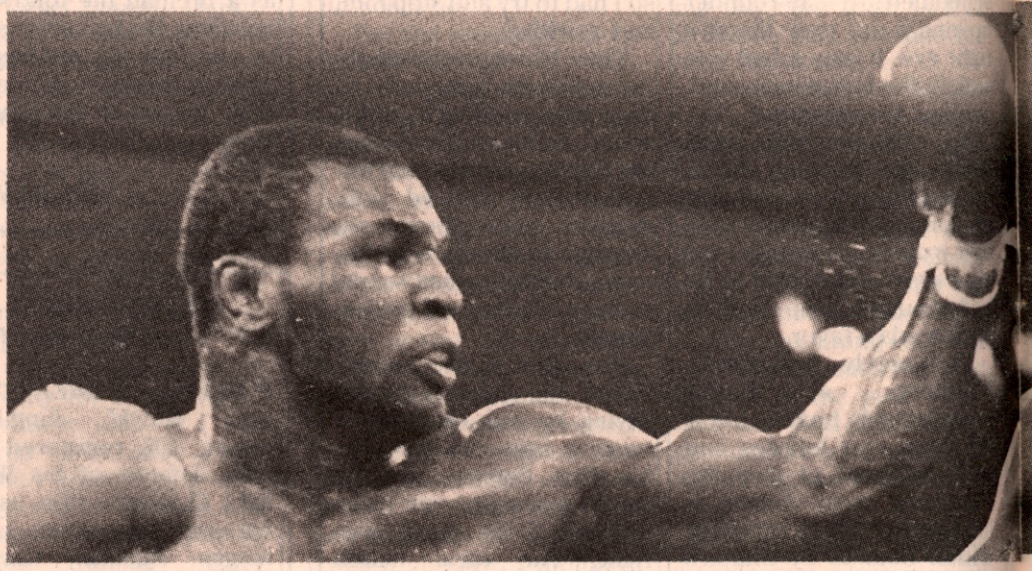

Mike Tyson bounces a left hook off Tony Tucker's head en route to a 12-round unanimous decision in Las Vegas. While Tucker proved a much tougher adversary than expected, Tyson won with room to spare on all three official scorecards.

IF THE GENTLEMEN WHO have adroitly guided Mike Tyson to boxing's pinnacle as the combination WBC, WBA and IBF heavyweight titleholder had their druthers, it is possible future operations might call for an octopus and a traveling chaperone.

Of course, employing a denizen of the deep as an off-beat sparring partner is a tongue-in-cheek suggestion co-managers Jim Jacobs and Bill Cayton and trainer Kevin Rooney figure to reject with great indignation. And they might not be too enthralled about putting a 24-hour tail on their menace of maul. Yet admitting it or not, the knowledgeable movers from New York got the word the first night in August in Las Vegas that some adjustments are sorely needed before the 21-year-old Tyson returns to the ring to defend his three belts against Tyrell Biggs October 16 in Atlantic City's Convention Hall.

While the pending Donald Trump promotion doesn't loom as a titanic struggle for Tyson against the 23-year-old Philadelphian, Tyson's people most assuredly want to avoid another clinch-ridden matchup like the one that developed when "Iron Mike" took Tony Tucker's IBF laurels with a workmanlike, if not spectacular, 12-round unanimous decision at the Las Vegas Hilton Center.

Against Tucker, Tyson (31-0 with 27 KOs) proved he hadn't learned much working with sparring pachyderm James Broad about the art of evading a larger enemy's repeated clutches. There were 33 entanglements during the Tyson-Tucker bout and Mike must share the censuring with the 6'5" Tucker as he frequently grabbed Tucker after missing lunging combinations.

The idea of a moonlighting octopus, possibly from San Diego's Sea World, might not be as zany as first perceived considering a mollusk with eight tenacles could employ serious pressure as Tyson tried to break free. Of course, selling the idea of sparring in a water tank isn't likely to excite Tyson, even though an octopus' punching power figures to equal the 269-pound Broad's love taps.

And in Tyson's case, chaperone is a glorified term for body guard. Considering some of the away-from-the-ring hijinks that brought Mike unwanted notoriety earlier this year, the premise, unlike the octopus fantasy, is not without merit in the minds of Jacobs and Cayton.

"Mike Tyson knows being world champion you're always a target for people wanting publicity or money," said Jacobs. "But Tyson doesn't have an exclusive on that. Celebrities should know it's not a case of toeing the line, but of staying three feet behind the line."

Tucker (35-1 with 30 KOs) avoided a rerun of Tyson's frustrating decision over Bonecrusher Smith. Unlike Smith, who rarely threw a punch while shutting down Tyson's heralded offense, Tucker jolted Tyson down to the bottom of his boxing boots with a solid left uppercut less than a minute into the opening round. The strike brought gasps of surprise from the 7,619 spectators and the loudest of all might have come from the guy who wagered $36,000 on Tyson to win $3,000. Tucker employed good lateral movement and sporadically had the forward-gear Tyson throwing home run combinations at

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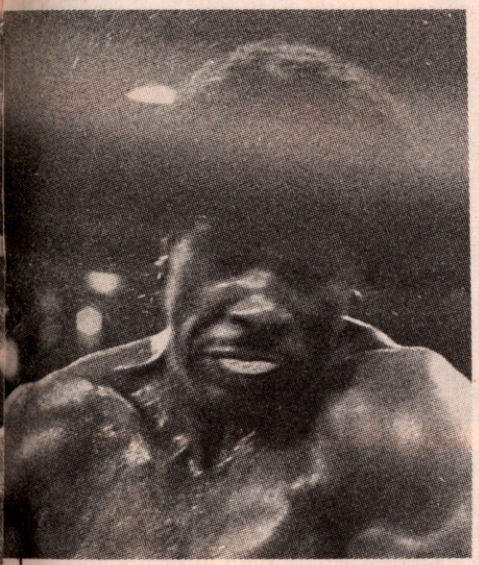
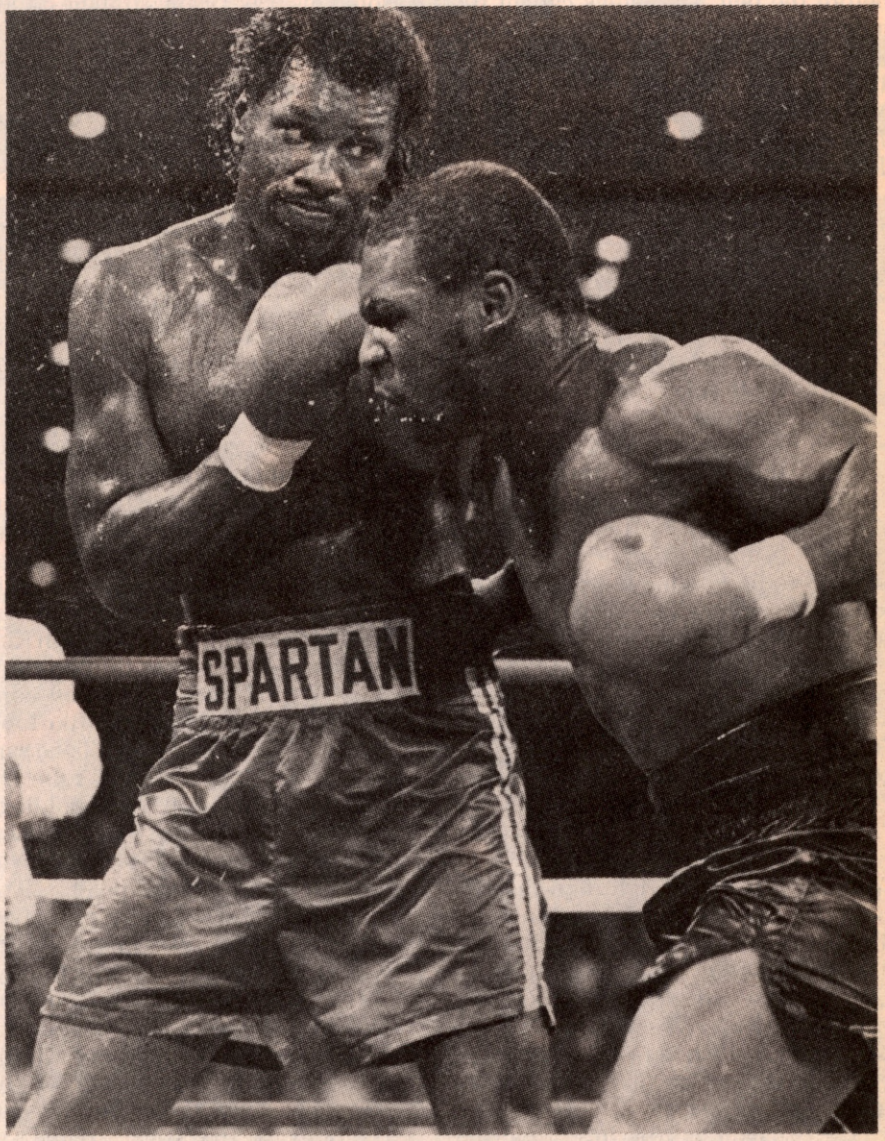


Tyson (right) and Tucker mix it up on the inside during their 12-rounder for the combined WBC, WBA and IBF heavyweight titles. Despite Tucker's solid showing, Tyson's busy work rate carried the day.



the air. But Tucker's jab lacked continuity and Tucker later said he reinjured his right in the second round.

"I originally hurt it about a week before the fight when I hit "Young Joe" Louis, my sparring partner, on top of the head, bruising my index finger," said Tucker. "I'm not using that as an alibi, but it kept hurting and I couldn't get my right uppercut (working). I know I hurt Tyson in the first round, but not enough to go all out. Besides, it was my intent to box him for five or six rounds."

Most Nevada sports books closed out with Tyson a lopsided minus $12.00 choice, while Tucker went off as a plus $8.00 dog. However, the parlance "dog" was a complete misnomer. Though he might have made it closer by throwing more punches, Tucker actually gained stature with his surprisingly strong showing.

Tucker did not act like a man in awe of the short-armed Tyson. Although there were times when Tony draped himself on Tyson while absorbing arcing hooks to the head and body along the ropes, there was never a moment when Tucker indicated a trip to the

canvas was imminent.

Tyson, who has never been off his feet since turning pro, didn't deny he felt Tucker's first-round bomb.

"Yes, Tucker picked me up with a good shot, but I wasn't upset," said Tyson. "When I fight, the last thing I worry about is pain. He took some good punches, but I know I hurt him several times. After the sixth round, Tucker was just in there to go the distance. But he's the best fighter I've fought ... very fast and punches well. When he caught me early, I knew he meant business. I always said Tucker was a good fighter, but I may have been taking him for granted going in."

After tagging Tyson perhaps as hard as he has ever been hit, Tucker was willing to trade punches and appeared to have won the opening round until Tyson drove home two solid rights just before the bell. The blows caught the judges' eyes and sent Tyson on his way to a unanimous verdict by scores of 116-112 (Bill Graham), 119-111 (Phil Newman) and 118-113 (Julio Roldan). *The Ring* tabbed it 118-113, also for Tyson.

Though no formal complaint was issued before the fight, Tucker and his connections, headed by Luther Burgess, were obviously upset that Jose Sulaiman, president of the WBC, put pressure on the WBA's Gilberto Mendoza and the IBF's Bob Lee to reduce the triple-title bout from the original 15 rounds to 12.

"I should have definitely fought 15 rounds, that's what I trained for," Tucker said. "Tyson was getting tired."

Tyson, who insists "the public likes to see heads hitting the canvas," seemed to be looking for a one-punch knockout practically every round. As long as Tucker applied himself by sticking out his long left and constantly turning and walking away, Tyson seemed puzzled. However, trainer Rooney refused to admonish his man for lashing out with haymakers instead of fashioning combinations.

Strangely, Tucker started showboating in the seventh round when he wound up with his right and faked a bolo. He had his hands low, enabling Tyson to snap off a hard left to the jaw. The crowd, which had been jeering, quickly cheered when Tyson connected. However, Tucker didn't learn his lesson and when he tried the same gimmick in the 11th, Tyson nailed him again with a right.

"I was having a little fun," reported Tucker. "I was relaxed and I felt I was getting stronger. If Tyson says I quit after six rounds, ask him what I did to him in the 10th and 12th rounds."

Both landed some good shots in the 12th round. Tucker, who soaked up some wicked body blows during the bout, pecked away with the jab and Tyson continued to dig to the body. At the final bell, both men walked to their corners without the traditional midring embrace, though there was clearly no animosity.

"Mike and me put on a great fight," said Tucker. "But no way was it a 12-1 fight. I'll continue to fight. Tyson is a great fighter, but I'd like to have a rematch. There's no excuse and I'll go along with the judges. If Tyson had knocked me out, I would have quit. But not now. I think me and Spinks would be a good fight with the winner fighting Tyson. This was Tyson's toughest fight and mine, too."

The bout was the culmination of HBO's Heavyweight World Series, a noble attempt to unify the heavyweight title. The cable network laid out $21 million for exclusive rights to televise the action. Unfortunately, because Michael Spinks pulled out of the series to fight Gerry Cooney, the heavyweight title is still split.

"Sometimes it seemed like I was in the middle of a soap opera," said Seth Abraham, president of HBO's sports division. "It was either that, or I was on 'Fantasy Island.' But seeing Mike Tyson with the title says it all. However, HBO is not ignorant or oblivious to Michael Spinks. There are people out there (including *The Ring*) who still consider Spinks as champion but Butch Lewis and Michael Spinks would not fight Tyson when they had the chance."

True to his word, promoter Don King went bananas, rolling out the pomp and pageantry for Tyson's so-called coronation. Dandy Don had poor Mike looking like a bemuscled Santa Claus, sans beard, in a chinchilla royal robe (reported costing $250,000) and holding a jeweled scepter. To top it off, Muhammad Ali placed a crown encrusted with rubies on Tyson's ample head.

"I don't know what to say ... I guess being here says it all," Tyson told an attentive VIP audience, which obviously expected more in this "Camelot" environment than a 13-word acceptance speech. Considering Tyson looked ready to fall asleep on his throne, it was practically an oration.

Though Tyson has several dates penciled in following his bout with Biggs, a match with Spinks seems to be the last thing Jacobs and Cayton want. Spinks, probably the slickest all-around article out there today, twice beat a man named Larry Holmes. And like it or not, by virtue of these double upsets, the undefeated Spinks' title lineage goes all the way back to John L. Sullivan ... something that Tyson will not be able to claim until he beats Michael.

Lewis, always a study in sartorial splendor with or without a shirt, almost blinds you with his toothy grin just thinking about Tyson and Spinks in the same ring with gloves on.

"We're the only guys qualified to fight Tyson," said Lewis, using the managerial plural tense. "Tyson-Tucker wasn't a bad fight. With more experience, Tucker would have given him more trouble."

After Tyson finished his business with Tucker, some media wag asked Spinks why he didn't just walk up to Tyson and say, "Let's fight."

"I sure couldn't do that, he might haul off and hit me right there on the spot," Spinks replied with a smile. "I want to fight Tyson in the ring where I might be a little better off. At least in the ring, there's no place for me to run."

Spinks, riding high after his impressive kayo over Cooney, really doesn't need Lewis as a media mouthpiece. As the 30-year-old *world* champion was heading for the Hilton lobby, an old Vegas buddy hollered: "Are you going to the coronation?"

Spinks stopped in his tracks and assumed a stance like he was back in the ring with Holmes, slightly cocking his head like a man with impaired hearing, and said:

"A coronation ... a coronation for what?" □

In a Don King championship undercard reaching an all-time low in mediocrity, James "Fat Man" Broad slopped his way to an undeserved 10-round decision over African heavyweight import Patrick Lumumba at the Las Vegas Hilton Center.

Broad, 269, Wildwood, N.J., was decked in the first round with a chopping right and returned the favor in the fourth when he hammered Lumumba, 194, Kenya, to his knees with body punches. Lumumba outpunched the exhausted, stumbling Broad and came a long way for a short verdict. Broad is 22-5, 16 KOs; Lumumba 7-2, four KOs.

Carlos DeLeon, 197, World Boxing Council cruiserweight champion from San Juan P.R., made his heavyweight debut, chilling Larry Phelps, 206, Lexington, Ky., at 1:33 of the first round in a scheduled 10-rounder. DeLeon is 44-3-1, 24 KOs.

Jesse Ferguson, 223, Philadelphia, Pa., stopped Baltimore's George Chaplin, 223, at 1:52 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

In the best prelim action, Engles Pedroza, 140½, Los Angeles, scored his 13th straight knockout when he flattened Cecil Taylor, 139½, Yuma, Ariz., at 2:13 of the first round.

Mike Evans, 233, Chicago, Ill., registered a unanimous 10-round decision over Steve Zouski, 204, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Renaldo Carter, 118, Detroit, Mich., made it 9-0, six KOs with a unanimous six-round decision over Tucson's David Natera, 119.

(8-1-87)

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TYSON OPS TUCKER

The RING RATINGS

As of August 3, 1987

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Missouri
1. **Mike Tyson** ..... Catskill, N.Y.
2. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Georgia
3. **Tony Tucker** ..... Grand Rapids, Michigan
4. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
5. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Pontiac, Michigan
6. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Tyrell Biggs** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Florida
9. **Carl Williams** ..... New York
10. **Jose Ribalta** ..... Miami, Florida

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
2. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
3. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Michigan
4. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Indiana
5. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
6. **Virgil Hill** ..... Grand Forks, N.D.
7. **Ramzi Hassan** ..... Campo, California
8. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
9. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea
10. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Michigan

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Hagler** ..... Brockton, Mass.
2. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada
3. **Mike McCallum** ..... Jamaica
4. **Iran Barkley** ..... New York, N.Y.
5. **Sumbu Kalambay** ..... Italy
6. **Michael Nunn** ..... Sherman Oaks, California
7. **Frank Tate** ..... Houston, Texas
8. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass
9. **Herol Graham** ..... England
10. **Juan Roldan** ..... Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN ..... England
1. **Mark Breland** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Connecticut
3. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Rollin Williams** ..... Phoenix, Arizona
6. **Juan Martin Coggi** ..... Argentina
7. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Detroit, Michigan
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Julio Cesar Chavez** ..... Mexico
4. **Vinny Pazienza** ..... Cranston, Rhode Island
5. **Pernell Whitaker** ..... Norfolk, Virginia
6. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
7. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Frankie Randall** ..... Morristown, Tennessee
9. **Greg Haugen** ..... Auburn, Washington
10. **Amancio Castro** ..... Colombia

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA ..... Venezuela
1. **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
2. **Steve Cruz** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3. **Calvin Grove** ..... Coatesville, Pa.
4. **Jeff Fenech** ..... Australia
5. **Louie Espinoza** ..... Phoenix, Arizona
6. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
7. **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9. **Hector Lopez** ..... Glendale, California
10. **Antonio Rivera** ..... Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
2. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
3. **Santos Laciar** ..... Argentina
4. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
5. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
6. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
7. **Chang-Young Park** ..... Korea
8. **Frankie Duarte** ..... Venice, California
9. **Albert Davila** ..... Pomona, California
10. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Fidel Bassa** ..... Colombia
3. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
4. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
5. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
6. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
7. **Rodolfo Blanco** ..... Colombia
8. **Rae-Ki Ahn** ..... Korea
9. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, California
10. **Benedicto Murillo** ..... Panama

The RING

GALLERY OF CHAMPIONS

Antonio Esparragoza

Featherweight Champion

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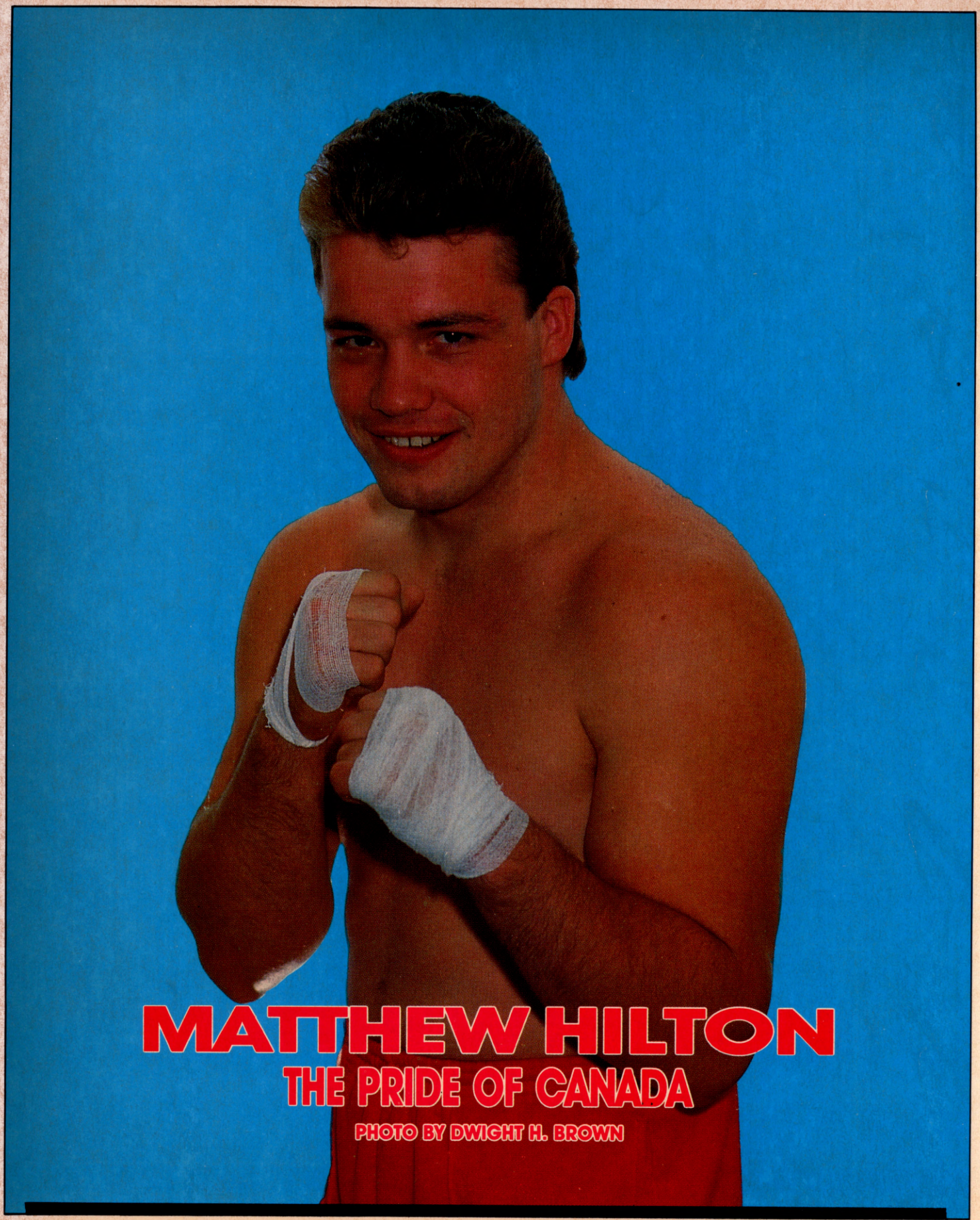
MATTHEW HILTON
THE PRIDE OF CANADA
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A CROWN FOR THE HILTON CLAN

Hard Work And Family Ties Help Hilton Win the IBF Junior Middleweight Title

MATTHEW HILTON—remember that name for you're guaranteed to hear a lot more from its owner in the months and years to come!

When meeting Matthew Hilton for the first time outside the ring, he impresses you as a gentlemanly, energetic 21-year-old. Whether playing sports, enjoying his family or being tailed by his devoted dog, Cognac, he is basically getting a kick out of life.

But be prepared, for when you hear the Celtic sound of bagpipes playing "A Call To Battle" and the young Canadian wearing the plaid trunks enters the ring, this gentlemanly, energetic 21-year-old will leave another impression. Just ask Buster Drayton.

Hilton's most recent fight, June 27th, earned him the title of IBF junior middleweight champion after a 15-round unanimous decision over the defending champ Drayton. His resounding victory in a demanding toe-to-toe bout before a hysterical hometown crowd in Montreal, Quebec, could prove to be merely the tip of the iceberg in what promises to be an illustrious career.

In order to understand how a boxer as young as Hilton could have acquired the skills needed to challenge and beat the experienced Drayton, you must understand the man, his family and his motivation.

Matthew's family has played a major role in the development of his likeable, vibrant personality, and his determination and dedication to the ring. . .

Born in a small town in Ontario on December 27, 1965, and raised in and around the Montreal area, Matthew was the fourth of six children. His parents raised a daughter, Joanne, followed by five sons; Davey Jr., Alex, Matthew, Stewart and Jimmy, with the brothers being better known as the "Fighting Hiltons."

The clan's parents have always been involved in their children's many on-going activities. A stable influence is provided by their mother, Jean. Demonstrating her devotion to her children through her keen interest and concern, she has woven a closely knit unit. Matthew enjoys an easy going rapport with the family's matriarch, with him kidding her as she interjects her own thoughts to some of his boxing tales. And without a doubt, Jean has closely followed his career and could easily tell you when he threw a hook where he should have jabbed!

The boys' penchant to lace on the gloves has definitely developed from the influence of their father, Dave Hilton Sr. Having been a fighter himself for 22 years, the elder Hilton provided a boxing environment. Dave Sr. captured Golden Gloves titles in Tennessee in 1956, in Texas in 1957 and in Kentucky in 1958. However, a professional world championship always escaped him.

Although Matthew has only one sister, the boxing world has not eluded her as she is married to a fighter.

Matthew shares the joy of winning his first world title with father, Dave Sr., and mother, Jean. Dave Sr. had a 14-year pro career that saw him capture the Canadian featherweight and junior middleweight championships. But Matthew's dad never got a shot at a world crown.

The fact that Matthew and his brothers have followed in their dad's footsteps is not surprising. What is surprising is that each has shown such proficiency in his chosen sport.

First-born son, Davey, is thought by many to have the most talent of the siblings, with Alex also realizing great success in the ring. Both Alex and Davey signed a contract with promoter Don King. However, due to several personal difficulties, both have refused to fight while under contract with King. Dave Jr.'s contract has recently expired and Alex becomes free from his obligations in January, 1988. Their father is hoping that this, coupled with Matthew's recent success, will inspire them to resume more serious training.

On a tragic note was the fatal car accident involving Matthew's younger brother Stewart on September 4, 1986. Stewart's untimely death at the tender age of 17 still has the

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family reeling from its loss.

The only brother who has swayed from the family's fighting tradition is the youngest son, Jimmy. At age 15, Jimmy is not interested in boxing, which is fine with Dave Sr., who insists he never pushed any of his sons to be boxers and would have been equally happy if they had wanted to try other sports such as hockey.

The family's lifestyle and Matthew's exposure to the gym at such an early age helps explain his devotion and enthusiasm for the sport. Looking back over the years and seeing that Matthew began boxing at the age of six, you can safely say he knows his way around a boxing ring.

Reaping the benefit of his father's guidance and training and the early years of sparring with older brothers Dave and Alex, Matthew has proven to be a winner all his life. With an impressive undefeated record of 27 pro fights (20 KOs) and 106 amateur bouts, he has chalked up a lot of solid experience.

When asked about his early days, the somewhat shy Matthew proudly recollects some of his more favorite memories. His earliest is when, at ages six, seven and eight, he and his brothers would perform short three one-minute-round exhibition fights on local amateur shows.

At age 12, he and his brothers Davey, Alex and Stewart traveled to Ireland representing Montreal. Each brother was on the card for three fights and amazingly the "Fighting Hiltons" came away with a victory in each bout, a feat that must have left their Irish counterparts talking for months.

Fighting in the Golden Gloves as a teenager, Matthew's slugging style proved overpowering to his opponents as he set out to break another record knocking out all three of the boxers who stood in his way of achieving the Canadian national championship. It became well known in amateur boxing circles that this young boxer, with his Scottish pride, was a force to be reckoned with.

Despite being a member of Canada's Olympic team, Matthew declined the opportunity of going to the 1984 L.A. Games due to a ruling which disallowed his father as his trainer. In spite of hindsight, Matthew does not regret his decision and when he turned pro in 1983 there was no looking back.

Thanks to a special boxing commission ruling, which took into consideration his former experience and proven talent, young Hilton did not have to wait until his 18th birthday before turning pro. Having knocked out most of his amateur adversaries in early rounds, Matthew continued this tradition in his first pro bout, a second-round kayo.

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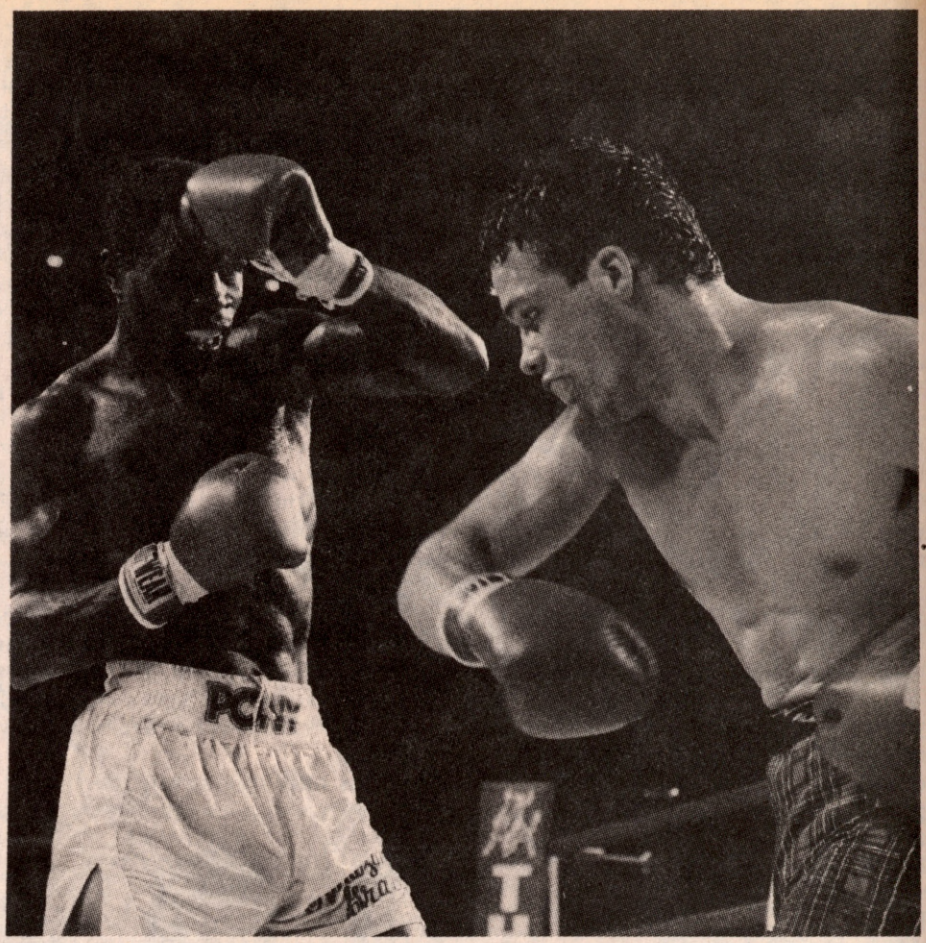

IBF junior middleweight champ Buster Drayton covers up as Canada's Matthew Hilton presses forward. Hilton took the crown with a 15-round decision to become the first native-born Canadian in 44 years to capture a world title.

His father's first-hand knowledge of the world of pro boxing afforded him the opportunity to groom his son carefully, without rushing him before he was ready. Setting Matthew up against boxers of every possible technique helped broaden his ability and taught him ring savvy.

When asked to name his boxing heroes, without hesitating Matthew replied Rocky Marciano and Roberto Duran. There is no doubt both men have distinct styles and have achieved great success, and an inspired Hilton can't help but be impressed with their accomplishments. Matthew has watched tapes of their fights and tried to pick up a few things and learn from these greats, but he is adamant in not copying their individual styles. Make no mistake about it, Matthew has his own style and fights his own fight. Hilton's is a style typified by his undaunted slugging and rib-bending shots to the body.

Matthew's biggest challenge to date has been preparing for his first title fight—the victory over Drayton. Drayton, a 33-year-old ex-Marine from Philadelphia, came into the fight defending the crown he had captured in a 15-round decision against Carlos Santos in April, 1986. Once again, Matthew had his father in his corner and one-time WBA heavyweight champ Jimmy Ellis was also in his camp.

Matthew had never gone more than 10 rounds before and had to condition himself mentally and physically to go the distance if necessary. Blessed with the determination of a bulldog,

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A hustler in and out of the ring, Hilton relaxes with a game of pool. Inside the ropes, Hilton usually puts his opponent behind the eight ball.

Matthew worked on improving his weaknesses and fine-tuning his many assets to develop a combination that has proved unbeatable . . . so far.

During the final week of rigorous training before the match (in spite of staying at a hotel in Montreal), at the end of the day Matthew traveled 30 miles to his family's home on the outskirts of the city. This parallel of devotion to his family and his sport is truly rare in these days of self-indulgent athletes.

As a young contender going against a durable, crafty Drayton, Matthew probably felt some of the hardest punches he will ever experience. However, halfway through the first round he put Buster on the mat with a powerful right hook to the jaw. But when Buster survived the bomb, Matthew knew he had quite a battle ahead of him and paced himself accordingly. To most observers who expected to see his well-publicized left hook, the devastatingly damaging right hand came as quite a surprise.

The elated Hilton is now hungry for more titles. His long range goal is to take the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association titles; and with the three junior middleweight division championships wrapped up, he hopes to move on and conquer the middleweight crown.

Dave Hilton, who was naturally thrilled with his son's victory, will continue to train Matthew and provide him with all the support he needs. Dave told *The Ring* days before the title fight that his dream when the boys were young was that one of them would one day fight at Madison Square Garden and he would be their trainer. But to win a "world title" was the ultimate dream.

What is left to be announced is who his next opponent will be. Father and son are equally anxious to take on any challenger, but the most likely candidates are WBC boss Lupe Aquino and WBA champ Mike McCallum. Showing no preference for one or the other, Matthew believes neither fight will go more than six to eight rounds.

The other decision still remaining is the location of his next fight. Local promoter Henry Spitzer, who co-promoted the Hilton-Wilfred Benitez fight along with Don King, went it alone for the Hilton-Drayton bout as the Montreal Boxing Commission had banned Don King Enterprises from promoting in Montreal. If this restriction remains, there is a good possibility Hilton's next three fights will be held outside Montreal.

Adding to the probability of the fights being hosted outside Matthew's home town is a controversial Montreal Boxing Commission regulation limiting the amount of tape permitted for wrapping the boxers' hands to six feet instead of the usual 10 yards. This regulation is a result of the death-causing injuries suffered by Cleveland Denny against Gaetan Hart on the undercard of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran fight held in Montreal in 1980. However, such limitations of tape are dangerous and evoked concern and outrage from many boxers, including Hilton. Dave Hilton Sr. is currently meeting with the Commission to come to some kind of solution, as each of the fighters on the Hilton-Drayton card experienced damage to their hands. Dave Sr. explained that what the Commission fails to understand is that taping isn't done to make the hand a weapon, rather to protect the fighters' hands. Matthew's hands suffered serious damage during the course of the bout and, considering a boxer's hands are essential to his career, the Commission's decision and subsequent action could also affect the choice of Matthew's next boxing locale.

Having looked into Matthew's boxing history and seen the important role played by his family, perhaps we can better understand his fierce ambition and the force that motivates him. Matthew's motivation is derived from a desire to succeed, to remove his fate from the hands of judges and knock the other man out, a desire to perform and push his abilities to the limit, and a burning desire to be the best. □

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA

▶**TUCSON—Holiday Inn Ballroom**—The return of Nico "Nicky" Perez was more sunset than sunrise, but some horizon was illuminated. Perez, a former NABF featherweight champion who a ring lifetime ago fought well against such greats as Wilfredo Gomez and Salvador Sanchez, showed that sometimes even rusted skill is enough as he took a majority decision over another local star, Joey "The Kid" Medina. It was a gruelling seesaw, the type duke-out you hate to see anyone lose.

Medina started like lightning, with almost a minute-long flurry that nearly blasted veteran Perez into early trouble. But Perez looked hangover calm as he assessed the assault and responded with numerous hooks flung from both sides. One damaged Medina's left eye, which was puffed by the fourth round. During the early frames, Perez gained momentum with short rights and a steady mortaring of overhand lefts. Medina made his move in the fifth, starting a shower of crisp pops he threw with such determination it carried him into command over the next four frames. But Perez and his cornerman Beto Martinez were cruising at such a perfect pace that when Perez again upped the exchange rate it became clearer that he was applying the more serious hurt. Medina picked off a lot of leather, but Perez threw so consistently that percentages became academic.

Going into the final frame, *Ring* had victory ripe for either fighter, and the vocal crowd was split in loyalty. Over the final three minutes, Medina scored more consistent combinations, but Perez dealt the harder hands. Judge Gerald Maltz had Perez take it 97-93, while Ron Meyer saw it closer for Perez, 96-94. Ref Bob Ferrerra had it even at 95. A ringside poll of about 40 paying customers favored the draw call, but a "damage assessment" (who looked beat up) had to give noticeable margin to Perez.

It appears that in better days Perez would have won it much easier and earlier. Classy Medina always gave fans more than their money's worth and should avoid any day when the purses dwindle as the punch taking increases. Perez has already been farther along boxing's noble road than most contestants get and might think about the same thing.

Perez, 133, is now 57-7 with 30 KOs. Medina, 132½, is now 15-4-1.

Mylon Watkins, from Tucson by way of Tacoma at 170, 2-0, never lost his momentum or domination in winning a unanimous decision over six with tough James Williams, 168, Tucson, now 10-5. Williams worked just as hard, but without the same effect as smooth "Kid USA" Watkins, who came with highly promoted amateur stats of 389-6, five National Championships and Olympic Team status. Watkins put on a textbook display and floated behind a southpaw's jab to outbox, but not outclass, Williams, who pressed the scene though trailing throughout and earned equal applause after the final bell.

Debuts are seldom finer than the ones put on by a pair of locals as Jose Camacho, 148½, edged a thriller from George Corral, 147. These young men put on an inspiring tornado that might have been the scrap of the card. Camacho got the four-round split nod, but Corral should be nothing but proud of his excellent effort. The type fight no punchstat device could keep up with.

Naty Echavaria, 139½ (no other verified stats available), won a close but unanimous four-round call over Derick Cuttino, 138, Tucson, now 7-10. Determined Cuttino pressed the action behind a probing jab. But Naty kept scoring with wild, but solid smacks that kept him ahead after he put Cuttino down with a left hook in the opening round.

Debuting Carlos Casonova, Tucson, 145, and Mario Lopez, now 1-1-2, Phoenix, 146, saw their match end early as a technical draw at 1:02 of Round One. Casanova accidentally butted Lopez over the right eye, causing a deep flow. Casanova has a cross tattooed across one breast and a pair of boxing gloves over his heart.

Promoter: Mariscal Inc.
Physician: Dr. Frank Gomez.
Timekeeper: Joe Mendoza.
Commission Rep: John Montano.
Attendance: 1,000.
(5-27-87)

▶**PHOENIX—Studio West**—Cassius Clay Horne, Eloy, Az, 20-3, 142, and Ronnie Shields, Houston, 25-5, 143, were both disappointed with the first draw on their records, a majority sister-kissing after 10 rounds.

Depending on where you sat, there were different views. Shields and his corner were sportsmanlike but bitter, especially since his last outing had been called a backyard call loss to Tsuyoshi Hamada in Tokyo for the WBC super lightweight bauble. Former NABF champion Shields has rumbled with some of the best and been around many blocks, but he still seemed deeply shocked. "You tell me how that happened," he repeated while drifting in disappointment from the square. Across the ring, Horne contemplated in regret for being unable to get off the extra lefts that could have made the difference for him. Emmanual Steward was content with pupil Horne's performance against a top-notch foe (Shields had a #4 WBC ranking coming in).

The tide swept from corner to corner in this somewhat sloppy slugfest. As the bout began, Horne burst out in a tumbleweed of punches, landing lunging lefts that bloodied Shield's nose. But by the second round, Shields was parrying Horne's punches, and Shields showed his experience as he tied up, then quickly punched out while breaking. The shorter, crouching Horne became confused as Shields zeroed in and punched down from both shoulders. Shields tactfully rocked Horne over the middle rounds, but Horne came back, finding the range again with a potpourri of left hands that landed from all angles.

Both were weary as they grappled and shoved evenly, heading into the stretch. As the bell rang for the ninth, both took deep breaths and went for the edge in a blazing three minutes of mayhem. Neither gained any noticeable ground. The 10th was more of the same, Horne landing harder but Shields landing more. The ring saw no edge in the pattern. Neither did judges Tom Donlevy or Michael Munoz, who called it equal at 96 and 95, respectively. Bob Cox saw it 98-93 for Shields, as did Shields and the vast majority of tonight's fistic voyeurs. Depends on where you sat.

Steve "Broken Feather" Daman, 178, Scotsdale, became 1-0-1 with a TKO over Nando Mendiova, who was debuting from San Antonio at 173. Mendiova had a tattoo of a woman's face on his entire front torso, and Daman applied a lot of blush in a very short time. Daman welcomed his new colleague to the working ranks not too pleasantly. Early in the first, a straight left put Mendiova flat on his back for an eight-count. The pounding continued until another left dropped Mendiova early in the second and ref Al Munoz gave him a break by halting the scheduled four-rounder.

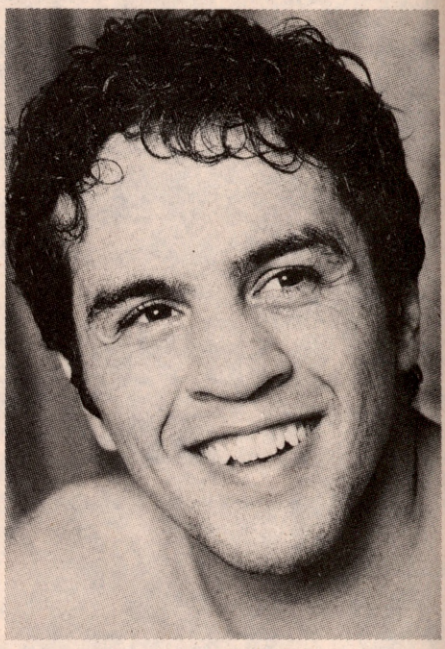
John Delpino, Phoenix, 141, ruined the debut of former kickboxer Manuel Ashman, Laughlin, 144½. Delpino landed many overhead rights, looking like a spring uncoiling, but slipped almost every time he threw a hard punch. Ashman tried to spin away from punches as if avoiding feet until yells of "kick 'im red!" were heard. Ashman did manage to land some wild, but effective blows that hurt Delpino more than once. But Delpino landed many more shots, battering Ashman into a near comical sleepwalk. Brave Ashman tried to escape, but soon floated into more hammers. He was bloody and sprawling when ref Munoz correctly intervened at 2:24 of the second. Delpino rose to 2-3.

Nate Echeveria, Acupulco, 138, dipped and bombed his way to a unanimous decision over Danny Hernandez, 138¼, now 2-3 from Tucson. A well contested affair over four rounds, close except that Hernandez was forced to defense at the end. Echeveria is 2-0 over the past month around here but no other verified record was available.

It was a bad night for every debutant. Newcomer Thomas Turner, Tucson, lost a four-round decision to Neito Reyes. Turner's heart is all that kept him from getting knocked out.

Although the lack of experience in the undercard got the customers restless at times, it was still another packed house for Steve Eisner's Miller Lite monthly series.

Commissioner: John Montano.
Timekeeper: John Neil.
Physician: Charles Howard.
Attendance: 900.
(6-22-87)



One more time, Bobby Chacon survived three knockdowns to stop Martin "Chiva" Guevera in the third round in Tucson. However, Chacon's latest comeback was short-lived as he re-retired the next day.

▶**TUCSON**—Bobby Chacon had been dropped hard three times in this last comeback attempt, clubbed into a haze by a unknown, last-minute substitute, battered once again to the painful point that lies as close to knockout defeat as a boxer can get.

And somehow, once again, his instinct sparked and Chacon came back.

It was the start of the third round and Chacon had been in trouble every previous moment of his brawl with surprising Martin "Chiva" Guevera, 17-3, 137, from San Antonio. But Chacon showed his best side and bravely refused to be overwhelmed. Looking out of shape, almost in slow motion, Chacon hurled wide body shots that thudded in like a metronome counting off his final fractions of boxing glory. It was raw, but beautiful.

Until then, it had been Guevera's night. When original opponent Fileberto Rosas was injured in a motorcycle accident, Guevera was prepared to answer the call. He had not been psyched out by the rowdy crowd which filled a fair-sized outdoor enclosure to standing room only anticipating a Chacon showcase. And Guevera had kept loose during a long prefight delay for switching damaged gloves. It was an unscheduled pause of over 15 minutes, during which time Chacon grinned calmly and waved to the crowd, or spoke with his new wife who was also a cornerperson, her wedding band shining like the vasoline she smeared on her husband's face.

When the starting bell finally sounded, it was still in Chacon's ears as Guevera bolted into Chacon's corner, landing a brief probing left to Chacon's torso, then immediately blurring a sweet, high right hand boulder that sent Chacon sprawling into the ropes, then sitting dazed and in deep trouble not 15 seconds into the match.

Chacon rose in disbelief while the desert wind was the only sound in a throng shocked into silence. Guevera pounced and landed, hard, almost every punch he threw at Chacon, who bent or recoiled painfully from dozens of shots. Chacon was unable to land a counter punch as he pawed incoherently, wide open like a frozen man coming out of an ice jacket. Guevera landed a sharp left as Chacon stumbled forward, putting Chacon down like a sack of flour. Chacon took an eight-count on his knees and was on the brink of disaster through the three-knockdown rule. Chacon was lucky to survive the round, maybe the closest to 10-0 ever seen.

In the second, target practice started again for Guevera, who kept on the pressure. In anxious silence, the crowd heard loud thaps echo off Chacon, who guttily swooned for safety until his wits returned. In trying to prevent that, Guevera threw everything he had. A short left hook put Chacon on the canvas again, but it was not a devastating drop like before, while Guevera's punches became fewer and less accurate. As the round drew to the finish, Chacon had some idea of the range and connected with a pillow or two. Not much, but a step for him in the right direction, and most important it got the crowd to murmer hopefully.

Chacon heard it and decided to up the ante. As the third round started, Chacon took the first opening he saw and worked Guevera's body, which seemed to bother him. Suddenly, out of nowhere, Chacon was landing good shots he threw from the hip and Guevera was backed into the ropes, where Chacon landed several clean smacks, putting Guevera through the ropes and down. The effort damn near dropped Chacon, too, who reeled into a neutral corner, running on empty. Fuel came from the crowd, which had exploded into noise. Chacon breathed in the cheers and raised his fists again. He forced Guevera into Guevera's corner, hurling body shots in desperation as much as fury. Guevera hunched like a tree for almost a minute's worth of chopping before ref Bobby Ferrerra stepped in. Considering the previous beating Chacon had taken, many in the stands howled in protest. They were wrong, for Guevera was unable to respond even as feebly as Chacon had gutted out similar events. Stoppage came at 2:01 of the third.

The next day Chacon said his poor showing made him realize it was time to quit for good. After being denied a license in California (personal reasons), Chacon came to Arizona for another boxing chance, but admitted it hadn't worked out well. Recent contact with Chacon indicates he has gotten his personal life appropriately together. Anybody with Chacon's comeback heart deserves best wishes and good luck, too. Let's hope he gets it. Outside a boxing ring.

In a well fought semi-main, Nico "Nicky" Perez continued his comeback, winning a unanimous decision over ballsy Harold Romero. This was Perez's second fight in a month, and after a three-year layoff he needs the work to regain his old form. Perez, from South Tucson at 133, was in control throughout the fight raising his mark to 58-7. But Romero, Santa Fe, 137, now 10-8-1, made a battle of it. Romero came right at Perez, but Perez is still slick enough to usually only get involved in combinations he gets the better of. Joe Garcia had Perez doing so for a 98-92 score. Gerald Maltz saw it 98-93, while Bob Ferrerra marked it 97-94. Even after the Chacon drama this bout emerged as better action than most undercard fights.

"Joltin" Joey Quinlan, Tucson, 116½, now 2-1, kept the pressure on to gain a unanimous four-round call over scrappy Carlos Valenzuela, Douglas Az., 114½, who looked good though he lost his pro debut.

Luis Rodriguez, Phoenix, 137¼, raised his record to 1-1 with a close six-round unanimous call over outweighed, but game Raul Pineda, now 3-3-1, 130, from Tucson. Both punched hard from the opening bell and tried not to stop.

Jaime De La Torre, El Paso, 124, now 3-0, was down in the first round but came back to take a unanimous decision from Luis Coronado, 124, Tucson, now 4-1. All judges saw it 38-37 over four.

Eloy Montano, Albuquerque, 135, started his pro career with a split call over four rounds from Rudy Holguin, Tucson, 130, now 1-2. Holguin started quite well, but Montano fought back harder to earn the very close nod.

George Corral evened his log at 1-1 with a fine victory against tough Jose Luis Mendoza, 150¾. Corral, 145½, took the battle to Mendoza and was in control much of the way during this four-rounder, but Mendoza was coming on strong at the end, cutting Corral over the left eye. This close pairing might be set for six with great results.

This was the debut for the Tucson Boxing Association, promotional baby of Gilbert Mariscal and new partner advisor Vince Gonzales. Held in a "mini Vegas" setting in the parking lot of a nice hotel, the card was a complete success. Colorful Announcer PR man Gordon Woods got the audience rowdy from the start, and enthusiasm built until the main event shocker. Fan support has been growing due to the consistently high caliber of local promotions like this by Mariscal and with his ambitious new partner even bigger cards are planned. Recent attendance has been standing room only, and the sites keep growing.

Matchmaker: Joe Quinlan, Sr.
Timekeeper: Joe Mendoza.
Commission Chairman: John Montano.
Attendance: 3,200.
(6-23-87)

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CALIFORNIA

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—James Kinchen, 167½, San Diego, won every round, but failed to impress against negative Randy Smith, 168¾, Tucson, who fought to survive the 10-round distance. Smith (17-10) was in trouble only once, from a left hook in the ninth, but Kinchen (38-3-2), slow and lacklustre throughout, could not capitalize. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Unbeaten Ricky Romero, 114, Carson, returned after a 13-month layoff and stopped Rogelio Martinez, 112½, Los Angeles, in 1:56 of the third of a scheduled six. The outclassed Martinez had always been on the receiving end when referee Lou Filippo jumped in.

Puncher Roberto Rossiles, 158, Blythe, knocked out Willie Jewell, 156, San Diego, in 1:55 of the first of a scheduled four. Rosiles (7-1-1) put Jewell (1-1) through the ropes for an eight count, then put him out with a left hook. John Thomas, referee.

L.J. Canty, 157½, San Diego, came back from a second-round knockdown to win a unanimous four-round decision over disappointing David Smith, 153, Campo, all three officials scoring 38-37. Thomas, referee.

Ramior Garcia, 111, Mexicali, made a successful U.S. debut with a hard fought four-round unanimous decision over Jerome Wilson, 111, Los Angeles, all three officials scoring 39-37. Filippo, referee.

Physician: Dr. Michael Lundeen.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Fred Lewis.
Matchmaker: Eric Bonilla.
Promoter: Bob Dephilippis.
(6-18-87)

▶**LOS ANGELES—The Olympic**—Miguel Mercedes, 115, Los Angeles, finished outclassed Manuel Trujillo, 115, Hermosillo, in the second of a scheduled 10. An overhead right flattend Trujillo. Frank Rustich, referee.

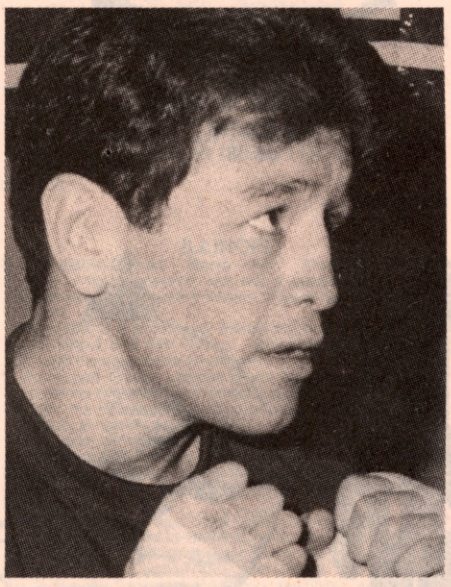
Sulio Sanchez, 150, Mexico City, unanimously outpointed Eric McNair, 146¼, San Diego, eight. Sanchez, the younger brother of former featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez, won by rather wide scores of 79-73 (Rustich); 79-73 (Gwen Adair); and 78-76 (Fritz Werner). Kenny Davis, referee.

Armando Baeza, 132, Norwalk, won a unanimous decision over Robert Lewis, 132, Los Angeles, in a crowd-pleasing six rewarded by a shower of money. Scoring: Werner 60-54; Adair 59-55; Davis 58-56. Eddie Rodriguez, referee.

Unbeaten Alex Garcia, 216, San Fernando, knocked out William Campudoni, 204, Los Angeles, with a left to the chin in 28 seconds of the first of a scheduled four. Debuting Campudoni took the full count from referee Rustich on one knee.

Oscar Ornelas, 137¼, Commerce, climbed up from an off-balance first-round knockdown to win a five-round majority decision over previously unbeaten John Clouden, 136, Los Angeles. Scoring: Rodriguez 49-47; Davis 48-46; Werner 47-47. Adair, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Obdulio Munoz.
Promoter: Rogelio Robles.
(6-18-87)



Frankie Duarte came out on the winning end of a controversial cut-eye TKO over Albert Davila at the Inglewood Forum.

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Frankie Duarte, 117½, Venice, retained his North American Boxing Federation title by stopping Albert Davila, 118, Pomona, in 2:09 of the 10th of a scheduled 12 that certainly qualifies as one of the fights of the year. The nationally televised fight was halted due to a badly gashed left eye, but it was a controversial and unfortunate ending to a breathtaking battle of 32-year veterans.

Davila was well ahead on points and holding his own in punishing exchanges when referee Lou Filippo called time to allow ringside physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz to examine the terribly bloodied challenger. Despite pre-fight assurances that a cut would not cause a stoppage, Dr. Schwartz decided that because of arterial bleeding, the fight could not continue.

But Davila protested the decision. Television replays show that a clash of heads split open a small cut on the side of Davila's left eye. Davila complained to Filippo, but the referee, who did not see the butt, failed to consult with the judges as required by California rules.

Davila's appeal to have the outcome reversed was rejected by the state commission.

It was an exciting fight throughout, filled with violent exchanges. Davila was in control early, punishing Duarte and beginning to close his eyes with short, accurate jabs and counters.

In the fourth, Davila (53-9-1) floored Duarte (42-7-1) with a left hook. On several other occasions, Duarte looked ready to go, but he always fought back with fierce flurries.

The immensely popular Duarte, who always takes several punches just to land one of his own, relentlessly came forward to win the middle rounds on some scorecards. But Davile was still the sharper and more effective puncher.

Davila reasserted control from the eighth, ignoring the blood pumping from his cut and jerking back Duarte's head with left jabs. Now it appeared that Davila could only lose because of the injury.

Davila had been bleeding from at least the fourth, and his corner could never stop the flow, even when the wound was small. But after heads collided in the seventh, blood began to pour down the left side of Davila's face. By the ninth, his face was a mask of blood. And when Davila emerged from a close quarter 10th-round exchange with his face covered with even darker and thicker blood, referee Filippo led a protesting Davila back to his corner.

Through nine rounds, Dr. James Jen-Kin had Davila ahead 87-83, giving Duarte the third, sixth and eighth. Vince Delgado also had it 87-83, favoring Duarte in the fifth, sixth and ninth. Bill Graham's 87-84 card gave the winner the third, sixth and seventh rounds. *The Ring* had Duarte winning only the sixth.

Willie Salazar, 108, Guadalajara, held off a furious rally by Jose Manuel Diaz, 108, Mexicali, and won the NABF junior flyweight title. It was a 12-round majority victory for Salazar (31-5), but *The Ring* and most of the crowd felt that Diaz (22-9) had done enough. Scoring: Delgado 114-114; Doug Tucker 116-112; Chuck Hassett 117-111. Jen-Kin, referee.

Unbeaten Jesus Poll, 130, Long Beach, predictably halted stablemate Jorge Rodriguez, 130, Bell, at the end of the fifth of a scheduled 10. Rodriguez (6-7-1) was down in the first and always outclassed. John Thomas, referee.

Lawrence Caver, 143, Compton, stopped Kenny Comer, 142, Los Angeles, on a cut left eye in 1:40 of the fourth and final round. Caver (5-4) was on his way to a clear win. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

All-action Vicent Gonzalez, 129, Cudahy, unanimously outpointed Robert Lewis, 132, Los Angeles, six. Lewis (6-5-2) was soundly beaten and shakily made it through to the final bell. Gonzalez (4-3-1) took charge with a first-round knockdown. Raul Caiz, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeepers: Aaron Koslow & Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(6-27-87)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—John Montes, 140, Anaheim, won an uneventful 12-round decision over Earl Martin, 140, San Francisco, to capture the vacant California super lightweight title. Martin (21-9-3) was actually the better boxer, clearly winning when he backed up Montes with left hands. But Montes (34-4) worked harder, especially in the middle rounds, and derservedly earned the points verdict. Scoring: Larry Rozadilla 117-112; Rudy Jordan 116-114; Lou Moret 115-114. Terry Smith, referee.

Milford Kemp, 165, Venice, outhustled popular Lee Sentinella, 165, Huntington Beach, to win a six-round unanimous decision. Kemp (7-2-3) was floored by a combination in the first, but outboxed Sentinella (10-2-1) in the rest of the rounds. Scoring: Moret 58-55; Rozadilla 57-56; Jordan 58-56. Pat Russell, referee.

Joel Gonzalez, 148, Los Angeles, floored Manuel Vallejo, 147, Glendale, early in the fourth round, but still lost a four-round majority decision. Scoring: Jordan 38-38; Rozadilla 39-37; Russell 39-37. Moret, referee.

Jaime Ocegueda, 136½, Commerce, impressively began his pro career with a lopsided unanimous four-round decision over Juan Trujillo, 137, Los Angeles. The very game Trujillo (0-1-1) was down in the second and absorbed a non-stop pounding. Jordan, referee.

Roger Carillo, 144½, Corona, and Jose Alfredo Jimenez, 140, Los Angeles, drew, four, despite a third-round knockdown by Jimenez. Scoring: Russell 38-38; Jordan 38-37 Jimenez: Moret 39-37 Carillo. Rozadilla, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Michael Deluca & Dr. Mario Ficarola.
Timekeeper: Phil Carreon.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Promoter: Don Fraser.
(6-29-87)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Flashy and quick George Navarro, 125¾, Vineland, New Jersey, easily advanced to the finals of The Forum Featherweight Tournament, setting up a rematch with former victim Hector Lopez by winning unanimously over one-time WBC super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 125¾, Alhambra, 10. The much faster Navarro (16-1, and he disputes his loss) floored Garza (46-3) in the second and won nearly every round. The official scores were surprisingly close: Dr. James Jen-Kin 98-93; Vince Delgado 96-95; Chuck Hassett 97-92. John Thomas, referee.

Ramzi Hassan, 174, Campo, continued to impress as he won a tough, but lopsided unanimous decision over defending champion Glenn Kennedy, 174, Covina, to take the California light heavyweight title. The hard-hitting Kennedy (13-4-1) stunned Hassan in the third and hurt him again in the 11th. But the well-conditioned Hassan (24-2) worked non-stop to win the rest of the rounds. Hassan's only drawback is a lack of a knockout punch, but he may be ready for any light heavyweight in the world. Scoring: Raul Caiz 118-112; Lou Moret 119-109; Delgado 118-109. Jen-Kin, referee.

Defending champion Young Dick Tiger, 145½, Hollywood, unanimously outpointed very game Bobby Joe Young, 144½, Jersey City, in a 10-round Forum Welterweight Tournament elimination bout. The ever advancing Nigerian (20-1) overpowered Young (29-6-1), who survived a constant pounding and a bad cut below his right eye. Scoring: Jen-Kin 100-90; Thomas 100-90; Hassett 99-91. Moret, referee.

Willie Wilson, 163, Campo, stepped up in class with a surprisingly easy unanimous six-round points victory over Israel Cole, 160, Las Vegas, all three judges scoring 59-53. Wilson (8-1-1) floored Cole (7-4-1) in the third. Caiz, referee.

Winless Ruben Maldonado, 127½, Los Angeles, went to the body in the final round to earn a four-round draw with debuting Tommy Garcia, 127, Bakersfield. Scoring: Thomas 40-37 Garcia; Caiz and Hassett 38-38. Delgado, referee.

Efren Chavez, 119, El Monte, was a clear unanimous winner over more experienced Hector Diaz, 118, Tijuana, four. Promising Chavez improved his record to 5-1.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Roger Thill.
Timekeepers: Aaron Koslow & Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(6-30-87)

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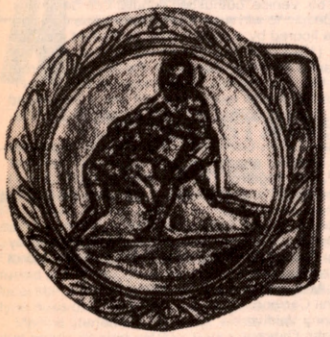

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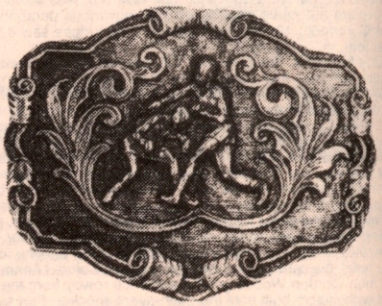

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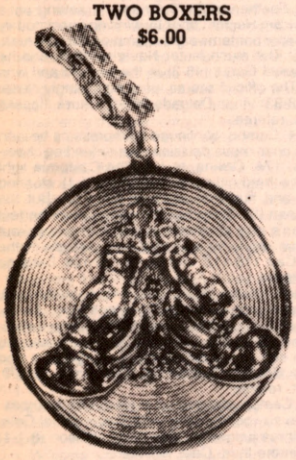

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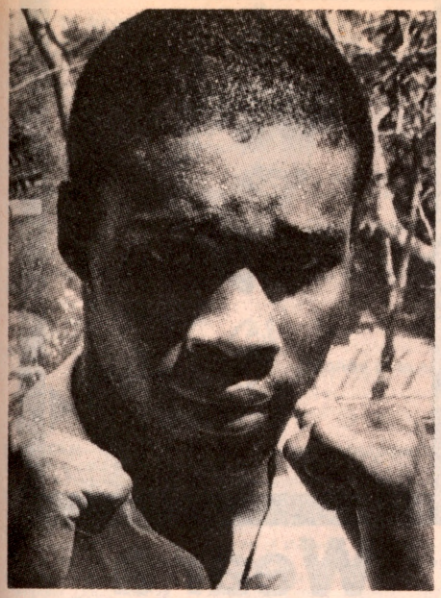

Middleweight contender Michael Nunn pushed his pro log to 24-0 with a second-round TKO over easy touch Jose Duarte in Reseda.

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Undefeated (24-0) Michael Nunn, 160, Sherman Oaks, scored a quick win over former Mexican middleweight champion Jose Duarte, 159, Mexico City, in 1:45 of the second of a scheduled 10. Referee Rudy Jordan stepped in after Duarte (31-15-1) went down for the third time.

Carl Jones, 162, Los Angeles, won a hard fought 10-round unanimous decision over Rickey Locke, 162, Bakersfield. The more accomplished Jones (17-3-3) worked steadily behind his stiff jab and was certainly the winner. But the verdict did not please the near sellout house which favored Locke (8-15-2) because of his effort and flurries of punches. Scoring: Dick Young 97-93; Lour Filippo 98-93; Jordan 97-94. Robert Byrd, referee.

Romeal Anderson, 144, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed always outgunned Mike Galarza, 143, Santa Maria, four. Galarza was down in the second. Filippo, referee.

Wes Smith, 126, Los Angeles, and Armando Lomeli, 126, South El Monte, fought to a technical draw in 1:43 of the first of a scheduled four when Lomeli was kayoed by a head butt to the nose. Debuting Smith had been down earlier in the round. Gwen Adair, referee.

Tyrone Jones, 156, stopped late substitute Cliff Jackson, 159, San Diego, in 1:10 of the fifth and final round. Jones (6-1-2) was always in control. Filippo, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: Ernie Snow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Larry Goossen.
Promoter: Daniel Goossen.
(7-2-87)

▶**LOS ANGELES—The Olympic**—Number two ranked WBC super featherweight Mario Martinez, 133, Guadalajara, forced Darrell Savoy, 132, Carencro, to retire in his corner at the end of the third of a scheduled 10. Martinez (44-3-2) marking time while waiting for a title opportunity, floored Savoy (20-4) once in the second and twice in the third. Lou Moret, referee.

Unbeaten Alex Garcia, 216, San Fernando, scored a decisive unanimous five-round points win over southpaw Andre Smith, 197, San Diego. The previously unbeaten Smith (8-1) won only one round but gave popular Garcia (5-0) his first real test as a pro. Moret, referee.

Prospect Felipe Fuentes, 139, Mexico City, halted Stewart Baynes, 140, Pasadena, on a corner retirement at the end of five rounds of a scheduled 10. Cocky Baynes (6-7) went to war with the hard-hitting Fuentes (12-0-1) but left himself open. He paid the price in the fifth when he was hurt and floored late in the round. The punishing bout drew a large shower of coins. Robert Byrd, referee.

Jaime Ocegueda, 138, Commerce, TKO'd debuting Patrick Lucero, 138, Diamond Bar, Lucero's cornermen throwing in the towel to rescue their spent fighter in 2:47 of the third of a scheduled four. Gwen Adair, referee.

Javier Macias, 124, Burbank, short-circuited the comeback of stablemate Mike Rodriguez, 126, Los Angeles, referee Tony Guitron making a well-timed intervention in 2:02 of the third of a scheduled four.

Micah Bates, 118, Los Angeles, and Alvaro Rosquero, 117, Los Angeles, traded third-round knockdowns, but the much quicker Bates (2-0) also dropped Rosquero (0-2) in the first and won unanimously, four, all three judges scoring 40-35.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Obdulio Munoz.
Promoter: Rogelio Robles.
(7-9-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Carillon Hotel**—In the eight-round feature, Edward "Yogi Bear" Neblett, 153, Barbados, fought his heart out to steal a close, but unanimous decision over Angelo Gray, 155, Hallandale. Neblett hurt Gray in the early rounds with right hands, but suffered a cut over the right eye in the fourth and Gray came on strong to pull even going into the final round. Neblett came out winging in the final round and stole the eye of the judges, who scored it 78-74, 77-76 and 78-74 for the Barbados bomber. Edward is 9-0 with six KOs. Gray's record fell to 6-2.

Jaime Polo, 125, Columbia, scored a TKO over John Wesley, 129, Hallandale, at 1:26 of the fifth of a scheduled eight.

Ivan Gonzalez, 138, Homestead, made short work, halting Tim Turner, 136, Spartensburg, SC at 1:07 of the opening round of another scheduled eight. Ivan floored Turner with a short right and had him wobbly when Eddie Eckert wisely stopped the bout. Gonzalez is 11-1 with seven KOs.

In another scheduled eight, Steve Frank, 142, Brooklyn, NY floored John Zavala, 144, Key West in the first round. He then proceeded to chase Zavala around the ring until referee Bernie Soto called a halt at 2:35 of the fourth. Frank is 9-1.

In a six-rounder, popular Pete Wabuda, 207, No. Miami Beach, took on Jack Johnson, 200, Miami. Johnson stepped in as a last-minute substitute and upset Wabuda, flooring him three times in the first round with terrific right-hand shots. The time was 1:27 of the first.

Mark Young, 220, Miami KO'd Mathew Joseph, 225, New Orleans with a solid right at 1:47 of the opening round. It was a scheduled six.

In a four-round opener, Amos Cowart, 126, Winter Haven, won a unanimous decision over Carl Baldwin, 132, Jamaica.

Promoter: Laura Bonanni.
Matchmaker: Al Bonanni.
Judges: Rick Beys, Ed Levine, John Rupert & Mark Schectner.
Referees: Eddie Eckert, Bill Conners & Bernie Soto.
Attendance: 900 (est.).
(6-27-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor**—Ron Amundsen, 155½, Chicago, in his toughest pro test, won a unanimous eight-round decision over comebacking William "Krystal Kid" Clayton, 153, Chicago.

Amundsen is a good boxer without much of a punch and he had a difficult time with Clayton, whose slippery boxing style frustrated the aggressive Amundsen.

For his part, Clayton seemed to hurt Amundsen on a number of occasions (with overhand rights) and confuse him throughout the fight, but he seemed unwilling or unable to invest the effort necessary to win the bout.

Amundsen, in raising his record to 10-0, worked hard throughout and landed the majority of the punches, but the harder shots clearly belonged to Clayton. There just weren't enough of them.

Scoring: Bill Lerch, 39-37; Mike Glienna and referee Stanley Berg, 38-34.

In the "Fight of the Night," Jack "Jake" Carollo kept J.C. Camell Jr. pinned to the ropes for much of the six-round bout and came away a unanimous decision victor in this slugfest.

Franklin Park's Carollo, 145½, sent Camell, 149, Chicago, to the deck in the first round and applied relentless pressure from there on in, never allowing Camell to do much of the boxing he had hoped would combat the bull-like rushes of Carollo.

Camell did some good work off the ropes and even hurt a tiring Carollo in the fifth, but it came down to Carollo, now 4-0, fighting his fight.

Scoring: James Di Vito, 30-24; Lerch, 29-26 and referee Brian O'Shea, 29-27.

In a rematch that proved his previous, controversial first-round TKO was no fluke, Bobby Hitz, 212, Addison, beat on Larry Roberson, 219, Joliet, for six rounds to capture a lopsided unanimous decision.

Hitz raised his record to 10-1 as judges Al Tremari, Di Vito and referee Berg all scored 30-24 for the winner.

Oliver McCall, 222, Chicago, stopped out-of-shape and overmatched Tim Morrison, 223, Miami, Oklahoma, at 1:01 of the first round of this scheduled six. McCall, now 9-1, is a good fighter, but he'll never find out how good he really is fighting bums.

East Moline's Efrain "Torito" Ramos, 140, hammered his way (with solid bodypunching) to a four-round unanimous decision over veteran opponent Walter Cowen, 142, Milwaukee.

Scoring: Di Vito, 20-17; Tremari, 20-16 and referee O'Shea, 20-14.

Ringside physician: Dr. Glenn Bynum.
Timekeeper: Kenny Kinsch.
Ring announcer: Ben Bentley.
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.
Promoter: Cliff Lanas.
Attendance: 285.
(5-30-87)

▶**NOTES:** Bloomington Illinois' hot featherweight prospect Francisco Arreola recently returned from his second Italian sojourn. Fighting his way through the Stecca family, Arreola lost a close 10-round decision to Maurizio ('84 Olympic Bantamweight Gold Medalist) in June to go with his previous eight-round draw vs. former WBA junior featherweight champ Loris Stecca in March.

JEFF CARLSON

KENTUCKY

▶**LOUISVILLE**—Harold Brazier fights often—and anywhere.

Making his ninth appearance of the year, Brazier scored an eighth-round TKO over William Barnes in the parking lot of a local tavern.

There were no lights, and Brazier joked after, "I knew I had to get him out of there because it was getting dark."

The victory, Brazier's 10th straight and fifth straight knockout, lifted the Indiana veteran's record to 47-7-1 with 34 KOs.

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"He moved well and had some good, sneaky punches," said Brazier, who weighed 147 to Barnes' 151. "He made me concentrate all the way. I was very pleased."

Louisville's Nick Kenrick, 187, won quickly when the referee stopped his match with Cincinnati's Jerome Grant, 186, in the opening round of a scheduled six.

The remainder of the card consisted of four-rounders.

Muncie, Indiana's Dean Meadows, 163, stopped Cincinnati's Erick Lewis, 161, at 2:10 of the first round.

Louisville's William Jarvis, 200, stopped Cincinnati's Vince Grant, 189, in two minutes.

Another quick ending saw Richmond's Shawn Evans, 189, knock out Louisville's Larry Fortner, 194, in the first.

Omaha, Nebraska's Wayne Evans, 163, won by unanimous decision over Des Moine, Iowa's Al Bell, 158.

Rapid City, South Dakota's Frankie Albert, 168, won by unanimous verdict over Fairdale's Joe Mattingly, 165.

Promoter: Eskridge Enterprises.
Referees: Dixon & Anderson.
Judges: Floyd, Kempf & Reagan.
Timekeeper: Peyton.
Physician: Dr. Hugo Valesco.
(7-9-87)

▶**LEXINGTON**—Louisville's Sam Floyd, 153, won by TKO in the first round when Dayton, Ohio's Barry Morris, 160, injured his hand.

Floyd is 37, Morris, 36.

Clarksville, Indiana's Tyrone Moore, 154, stopped Cincinnati's Ricardo Simpson, 158, in the fourth of a scheduled six.

Five four-rounders filled the card.

Richmond's Robert Myatt, 132, won in the first when the referee stopped his contest with Cincinnati's Kerry Walker, 136.

Cincinnati's John Howard, 163, and Richmond's Chuck Knapp, 145, put up a good scrap. Howard gaining a unanimous decision.

Louisville's Kenny Heflin, 156, stopped Cincinnati's Steve Chaney, 158, in less than a minute.

Louisville's Tim Knight, 163, and Lexington's David Hill, 161, put on a good show. Knight winning a unanimous duke.

Richmond's Shawn Evans, 191, knocked out Cincinnati's Joe Presswood, 207, at 2:24 of the second.

Promoter: Marion Hills Boxing Promotions.
Referees: Anderson & O'Brien.
Judges: Childers, Kempf & Kerns.
Timekeeper: Sullivan.
Physician: Dr. James Rose.
(6-23-87)

▶**LEXINGTON**—Darrin Van Horn was tested for the second straight fight, and the 18-year-old from Lexington remained undefeated with a nationally televised 10-round, unanimous decision over Hawthorne, California's Luis Santana.

Santana, trying to bounce back from a TKO loss to Tommy Ayers which cost him his NABF welterweight championship, gave Van Horn all he could ask for, and Van Horn gave it right back, earning a clear edge.

Santana weighed 147, while Van Horn, who decisioned veteran Elio Diaz in his last outing, came in at 152.

Jackson, Tennessee's Donald Bowers, 159, scored a six-round unanimous decision over Evansville, Illinois' Gary Thomas, 160.

Benton Harbor, Michigan's Sebastian Wilburn, 135, stopped Hazard's Marty Wolfe, 135, at 2:51 of the second round.

Four four-rounders completed the card.

Lexington's Bryan Brown, 130, stopped Cincinnati's John Green, 129, in two.

Lexington's Jerry Brown, 154, also won in the second round, stopping Benton Harbor's Lee Lewis, 156, at 2:08.

Lexington's Billy Durbin, 147, needed even less time, stopping Cincinnati's Percy McCalley, 148, in 2:24.

Hawthorne's Engel Pedroza, 140, stopped Benton Harbor's Terry Parham, 148, at 57 seconds of the third round.

Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing Inc.
Referees: O'Brien & Floyd.
Judges: Kempf, O'Brien & Mullins.
Timekeeper: Sayre.
Physician: Dr. James Ross.
(6-21-87)

MAINE

▶**LEWISTON—Lewiston Armory**—Hometown favorite Joey Gamache, 138½, continued his winning ways, posting a unanimous, six-round decision win over Johnny Redd, 147, of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Another six-rounder had Troy, New York's Sammy Youngs, 140, scoring a fourth-round TKO over New York City's Johnny Pitts, 145.

Portland's Ricky Ames, 137, and North Vassalboro's Steven Pottle, 140½, fought a four-round draw.

Waterville's Tim Burrows, 160, scored a second-round TKO over Scarborough's Danny Butts, 155, in a scheduled four.

Bath's Kevin Gilmore, 225, ended his scheduled four early, knocking out Smithfield's Linwood Ledger, 220 in the first.

Another scheduled four saw Bucksport's Bobby Wadleigh, 149, win by disqualification in the final round over Steve Snow, 158, of Alden Villo, Massachusetts.

Promoter: Joe Gamache.
Referee: Fern Jolin.
Physician: Stanley L. Painter Jr.
Gross: $5,844.
(6-27-87)

MICHIGAN

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—The Michigan State Jr. Welterweight championship was to be decided at this program but we got a Summer storm of protest, arguments and controversy as local favorite Richard Burden and Ann Arbor's Mike Johnson fought a tremendous duel to a draw, a decision clearly not favored by many ringsiders and fans who had Johnson (11-1) as the winner by a small margin. Burden (10-1-1) suffered gashes over both eyes from butts during vicious in-fighting and a crescent-shaped slice in the left temple from a looping right of Johnson that caught Burden with the inside seam of the glove. The judges scored it: Denton 95-95, Garza 93-97, Johnson, Humphrey 96-95, Burden. Charges of intoxicated judges, incompetence, favoritism and threats of lawsuits flowed faster than Burden's cuts after the bout and Johnson's handlers had to be restrained and led out of the venue.

In the co-main event that followed a rich baritone's redention of "God Bless America" and a rap group, "The Fresh Boys," adding their contribution to the night's festivities, Spencer "The Warrior" Chavis (22-2) of Detroit was taken to the distance by a game Joey "Powerhouse" Parker (14-2) in a cruiserweight match that kept the slow starting Chavis playing catch-up in the final rounds to extract the unanimous decision. The scoring went: Denton 98-92, Garza 97-93 and Humphrey 99-91 for the Warrior, the Michigan cruiserweight champ, who is posturing for bigger fish to fry in the near future.

Former Olympic Gold Medalist Steve McCrory was dubbed the "Bad Boy" as his ring moniker for the future in a nickname contest held by ABC Promotions. Medalist McCrory entered the ring resplendent in his tux and throwing 20 dollar bills to ringside table holders in this Vegas style boxing venue.

The undercard featured Fred "The Tank" Adams (7-1) whipping Juan Armenta (4-2) with punishing body shots at 0:38 of the first round. Adams and family have moved to Michigan to be closer to the action with ABC Promotions' focus on the junior featherweight's progress in the pro ranks.

Courtney Hooper (15-1) stopped Joe Edents at 1:17 of the third stanza with hooks and uppercuts followed by a crashing right cross that had referee Watson calling in the doctor to end the jr. welterweight contest before permanent damage was done.

In a heavyweight contest, Mike Evans (11-2), whose upper body and arms make him look like an ebony Popeye, literally creamed Jack Jackson (6-6) at 2:35 of the first. Referee Grable wisely halted the affair when the 237-pound Jackson splattered himself on the canvas. After being helped to his corner, he didn't know where he was or what he was doing there—Evans' fists tatooed that information on his head for him.

Dwayne Peterson (1-1) of Detroit bettered Jose Mendoza (0-2) of Tucson with a unanimous decision in their four-round jr. welter contest by using constant up and down jabs followed by right crosses in what looked like a clinic lesson in the science of boxing. The judges scored it: Denton 40-36, Garza 40-36, Humphrey 40-35.

In the opener, heavyweight Verbal "Big Verb" Jordanton (4-1) of Detroit heaved Raymond Sims (3-2) around the first round and flat-footed ended the tango in the second round at 2:22 with a TKO win according to referee Watson. Big Verb looks about six and a half feet of solid (240 plus) punching power. Watch his declensions in the future!

Promoter: Johnny "Ace" Smith ABC Promotions.
State Commissioner: Jim Cullen.
Judges: Sue Denton, Frank Garza & Bill Humphrey.
Timekeeper: K. Pace & M. Hunter Sr.
Physicians: Ralph Sachs & McKendrick.
Referees: Dale Grable & Bobby Watson.
(6-30-87)

▶**DETROIT—Freedom Hill Concert & Exhibition Park**—Just over 2,000 brave souls withstood wind, rain and TV delays to watch a feature matchup between middleweights Darryl Spain of the Art Dore stable and Phillip Morefield fighting out of the Kronk Center team in a Pier 6 brawl that saw Spain dropped twice in the first round and again in the fifth as Morefield scored a TKO at 1:57 when ref Hugh Smithers called a halt to the destruction.

Morefield, 15-0-1, used effective hooks to the body and head and counterpunched with devastating effect, using combinations to stagger Spain, 16-10, repeatedly in this outdoor venue.

Jammin' Jeff Thompson's lefty attack against Roy Saffold, 15-7-1, lasted uninterrupted through a rain-soaked four rounds until referee Sam Williams heeded the call of Saffold's corner at 2:07 and awarded the TKO to Thompson, who upped his record to 12-0 in the light heavyweight division.

Junior lightweight Manuel Rosario made his pro debut against Mark Andrewski of Dore's Bay City group. Rosario pressed the body attack and kept Andrewski on the defensive along the ropes to extract a unanimous decision. Andrewski dropped to 1-1.

A non-stop punching festival was put on by junior middleweights Tyrone Dillard, 2-1, and Dorrell Van Horn, 1-0, in a raging crowd-pleaser that saw a split decision, four-round win for the local Van Horn.

Detroiter Anthony Jones, 14-0-1, extended his winning streak with a first-round knockout of Shawn Spinda, 10-6, in their welterweight contest. Mercifully, the end came at 1:46 as Jones took aim and surgically rearranged the hapless Spinda's lip and nose before dropping him.

Promoter: Bill Kozierski's Ringside Productions.
Matchmaker: Tommy Vaca.
Television: Pass Cable.
Judges: Bobby Watson, Nafeyah Jami & Chip Acey.
Physicians: M. Sherbin & D. Kaplan.
Referees: Sam Williams & Hugh Smithers.
Commissioner: Jim Cullen.
Timekeepers: K. Pace & J. Kollins.
Attendance: 2,150.
(7-13-87)

▶**NOTES:** Former WBC light heavyweight titleholder Dennis Andries is now with the Kronk Stable and is signed with Emmanuel Steward. After his loss to Tommy Hearns, the compact British fighter said that one defeat and prior bad management will not stop him in his comeback attempt.

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

MINNESOTA

▶**Brooklyn Park—Armory**—Undefeated Coon Rapids middleweight Dan Schommer ran his record to 10-0 with a rather easy fifth-round stoppage of Chicago trialhorse Yadada Ben

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Judah, 164. Schommer pressed his opponent from the opening bell and never let Ben Judah get set, so his punches were ineffective while Schommer's body attack quickly took its toll on the Chicagoan who retreated throughout the contest. In the fifth round, Ben Judah landed a crisp right to the jaw which got Schommer's attention and Dan went to work with a blistering body assault, landing a solid left hook to the stomach followed by several more body shots. Ben Judah went down in his own corner and referee Denny Nelson stopped the mismatch at 40 seconds of the fifth session.

Rocky McCaleb, Rochester, (13-1-3) won a close, but unanimous decision over Willie Mayberry, Duluth, (5-8-1) in six rounds. They are heavyweights.

Don Kummala, Anoka lightweight, and Charles Stevens of Chicago battled to a four-round draw. Kummala is 1-0-1.

Richie Albrecht of Coon Rapids (2-0-0) stopped Chris "Rocky" Lindgren of Chicago at 1:45 of the second round of a lightweight bout.

Promoter: Mary Kay Jiminez.
Matchmaker: Ron Peterson.
Attendance: 515.
(6-24-87)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEBRASKA

▶**LINCOLN**—The second pro show here saw a small crowd but an exciting card of top-flight midwestern fighters.

In a scheduled 10, junior welterweight contender Harold Brazier, So. Bend, Ind., used a strong body attack to wear down and eventually halt tough Don Marshall, Commerce City, Co., via a technical knockout in the fifth.

In a rematch of last month's fight of the year, Nicky Miller, Omaha, Ne., gutted out a win over the crafty old pro, Ray Menefee, Lincoln. Split decision, 10, Welters.

Popular Doug Kaluza, 171, bested Jimmy Stevens, 184, Chicago. Lincolnite Kaluza looked good hammering out a unanimous, five-round points verdict.

Scrappy Carlos Santistivan, 175, Lincoln defeated Omahan Jesse Abrams, 165, via a five-round, unanimous decision. Excellent bout.

Hard-socking Dickey Ryan, 225, kept on punching until bringing rugged Sonny Williams, 212, Brighton, Co., down for a four-round TKO. Ryan was making his pro debut out of Omaha.

Jay James, Lincoln, won a five-round, unanimous decision over Javier Mendoza, Houston, in another top notch action bout.

Terry Davis, Calif. heavy, KO'd John Moore, Co., in the first heat of the only disappointing fight on the show.

Promoter: Rick Parker.
Referees. Bill Engle & Larry Emery.
Athletic Comm. Jerry McGinn.
Attendances: 840.

BOB RUIZ

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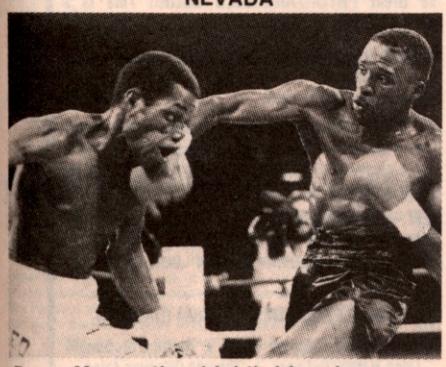

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Roger Mayweather (right) drives home a punishing right to the face of Mitchell Julien en route to a third-round TKO victory in Las Vegas.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Bally's Hotel/Casino**—Roger Mayweather proved emphatically that any fighter who tries to literally give him the kiss-off winds up in deep trouble.

Mitchell Julien, out of San Jose, California, got that message quicker than anyone expected when Mayweather, former World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion, abbreviated the evening with a third-round TKO as Top Rank Inc. ESPN launched a one-year monthly series at this venue on the Strip.

If Julien, 140½, figured he would frustrate Mayweather, 138, during referee Richard Steele's pre-fight instructions with a kiss on the cheek at mid-ring, it was a gross mistake.

The glaring Mayweather, with a home and a deal of popularity in Las Vegas, did manage brief retaliation by shoving Julien before Steele restored order for the scheduled 10-round junior welterweight main event. Steele, obviously more flabbergasted, later admitted, "I never saw anything like that in a boxing ring in my life."

Mayweather, improving his credentials to 28-5 with 19 KOs, relied on his bread-and-butter weapon, the potent chopping right hand, to drop Julien twice in the third round before Steele wisely stopped the bout.

Mayweather waited until Julien's handlers got the Northern Californian back to his corner, then walked up behind him and gave Mitchell a light smooch on the right cheek.

"I got a little hot when he surprised me with that foolishness before the first round, but my kiss was a way of saying, 'Goodbye,'" said Mayweather. "Once I got Julien hurt, there was no way I was going to let him off the hook. I could see he was dazed and it was only a matter of time. This guy was throwing his head in there."

Mayweather, making his second winning start since losing a 12-round decision to undefeated Olympic gold medal winner Pernell Whitaker March 28, was a patient warrior in the first two rounds as the rivals feinted and offered light counters while trying to establish a tempo.

Julien, 24, who had won three previous local outings to build a 20-3-1, 16 KOs, reading, was unorthodox, flailing from all angles in trying to utilize his superior height and reach. Mayweather started those right hands flying early in the first round, but his accuracy was impaired by the flustered Julien's clutching and grabbing.

Julien's wildness and clinching put the bout on the verge of becoming a shoving match when Mayweather scored with a solid right early in the third round. Two more chopping rights to the head and Julien sagged to the canvas. After he rose, Mayweather greeted him with an uppercut. Julien was trying to survive the bombing when Mayweather fired two short rights to the head followed by a left uppercut that put Julien down again. Steele halted the action, the official time being 3:10.

"I want to be more perfect with my punching," said Mayweather. "Julien wasn't that easy. He was slick and awkward, kept trying to come over with his right. Even though I knew he was hurt in the second round, I had to be careful."

Mayweather's next outing was to be a late summer re-scheduling against Joe Manley, former IBF junior welterweight champion, in Atlantic City. That bout was scrubbed in April when Mayweather was stricken by a virus.

"This is going to be a war because I'll be in top shape and Manley will be in top shape," Mayweather predicted. "If I get over this obstacle, maybe one more winning fight and a title shot can't be too far away."

Jesse Reid, who trained Mayweather to his title victory over Sammy Serrano on an eight-round TKO in 1983, has rejoined manager Billy Baxter after establishing a permanent training base in Houston.

"Roger has a body weight of 145 pounds without training," said Reid. "We put him in our sports medicine program to develop more muscle weight than body fat and he's developed more muscle tone. Mayweather throws so many rights, but he must develop his left hook to the body. He must relax and group his punches. And that means getting the confidence to do it. If he works the left side and gets in rotation, Roger will be hard to beat. He's still rated high, so every performance is important that he do everything right."

In a 10-round junior lightweight semi-windup fraught with strange knockdowns, Keith Stevenson, 128¾, and Dana Roston, 128¾, both of Las Vegas, battled to a controversial draw.

Stevenson appeared to have earned the verdict in the final round when he dropped Roston with a straight right to the jaw. However, none of the three judges could agree, Lou Tabat calling it 94-94, while Art Lurie voted for Stevenson, 96-92, and Paul Smith tabbed it for Roston, 96-95. *The Ring* scorecard was 96-94, Stevenson.

Roston, whose record is 13-4-2 with seven KOs, was coming off a year's layoff. He was down from two lefts to the body and a right to the jaw in the third round. Moments later, Stevenson, left with a 24-2-1, 13 KOs record, appeared to slip as they fought along the ropes, but referee Toby Gibson ruled it a knockdown.

Roston, who used his superior speed in fighting in flurries, caught Stevenson with a barrage of punches early in the fifth round, which dropped Stevenson along the ropes. The transplanted Kentuckian came back strong in the session, backing up Roston with combinations.

Marcellus Allen, 172, Las Vegas, extended his winning skein to seven straight when he gained a unanimous, six-round decision over David Vedder, 169, San Jose, California. Vedder's slate slipped to 5-7-2.

Ray Thompson, 155, Las Vegas, put together a unanimous, four-round verdict over Freddy Sykes, 157¼, Mesa, Arizona.

Caleb Ramos, 154¼, Oxnard, California, registered a TKO victory over David Sullivan, 155, Las Vegas, at 2:50 of the third round.

Tom Lillard, 157, Pasadena, California, caught Roberto Flores, 155½, Las Vegas, with a perfect right to the jaw to score a knockout at 2:08 of the first round.
(7-14-87)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Alladin Hotel Casino**—It was most appropriate that world-class boxing returned to this venue on the Fourth of July weekend, considering the fireworks created when Lupe Suarez rained on Juan LaPorte's parade.

Suarez, 26, out of Corpus Christi, Texas, delivered double-barreled embarrassment, rebounding from a first-round knockdown to achieve a 10-round decision victory against the former WBC featherweight champion who was a 3-1 favorite in Nevada sports books.

The 27-year-old LaPorte, out of Brooklyn, returned to Las Vegas for the first time since 1981 ranked as the WBC's No. 1 junior lightweight. The journey ultimately cost the transplanted Puerto Rican a title shot in the immediate future.

The rugged Suarez, 130½, managed by Angelo Dundee, raised his credentials to 23-1 with 18 KOs, but not without a price as he suffered a fractured nose from LaPorte's short right hand during the first minute of the bout, which was televised nationally by CBS. LaPorte, 130¾, saw his 10-year ledger dip to 29-8 with 15 KOs when he chose to fight the stronger Texan inside rather than at long range where he was far more effective.

Referee Davey Pearl had deducted one point from LaPorte's scorecard for low blows in the fifth and ninth rounds, which Suarez appeared to win, prompting LaPorte's manager Howie Albert to complain, "Davey Pearl broke the flow of this fight, and he was listening too much to Angelo yelling 'low blow, low blow' every five seconds. But that's no excuse because Suarez is a great fighter and deserved to win."

Suarez did his best work inside, scoring effectively with hooks to the head and body, and often backed up the veteran with stinging uppercuts. LaPorte, later admitting his error in strategy, kept trying to catch Suarez to end it with one punch.

"I wanted to go one shot by one shot, but I had trouble getting off in the late rounds," said LaPorte. "Too often, he was punching me behind the head and I was out of position. This kid Suarez is a good, good fighter. I hope he'll remember we gave him this shot and return the favor if he wins the title."

Suarez, a father of two children with another on the way, was understandably pleased with his work, particularly the way he won over the crowd of 2,000.

"LaPorte hit me low about four times, but they weren't a factor," said Suarez. "I was in good condition and those few times he hurt me, I didn't back off. I was having trouble breathing through my nose, but I wasn't tired going into the final round. LaPorte always likes to take control of a fight early, but he couldn't do it this time."

LaPorte had to feel reasonably secure in the inaugural three minutes. Juan threw a right-left combination, then uncorked a short right which caught Suarez on the bridge of the nose. Lupe dropped over on his side, but had no problem beating Pearl's count. Suarez, who had never been down previously as a pro, said the punch caught him off balance, but contended it was also a "partial slip."

"I wasn't hurt bad, and I snapped out of it because I am in good condition," said the winner. "I took the punch and came right back up. Anyway, LaPorte had butted me just before he threw the right, and I was a little dazed. I'll admit LaPorte hurt me three or four times, but I came right back and didn't let him intimidate me.

"I had prepared to go the distance, so I wasn't tired coming up to the last round," he added. "I expected a much harder fight. When I was fighting outside, LaPorte would catch me with some counters and I knew I had to get inside."

Suarez, who had his biggest payday at $25,000, began scoring with four- and five-punch flurries in the third and fourth rounds. But less than a minute remained in the fourth when LaPorte appeared to stun Suarez with a six-punch salvo.

"I expected him to be on me all the time, coming in from all directions," said Suarez. "LaPorte was trying to get me with one punch. I kept moving to my right, kept pushing LaPorte away and coming up with uppercuts and overhand lefts. I boxed and moved all the way, and it bothered LaPorte."

Suarez's tactics appeared to win him Round Five, and it became a two-point bonus when Pearl penalized LaPorte for a low blow. Lupe had no problem backing up LaPorte in the sixth and seventh as the veteran elected to crawl into an Archie Moore shell. Lupe was in command and drew an extra plus when Pearl admonished LaPorte for two lefts that landed on Suarez's hip, deducting another point. LaPorte knew he needed a knockout by the 10th round and was willing to go toe-to-toe with his adversary. LaPorte did score with two stinging right uppercuts, but there was never a moment when Suarez threatened to return to the canvas.

Chuck Giampa and Bill Graham both scored 97-90, while Jerry Roth called it 98-89, all for Suarez.

In an all-action semi-windup, Venezuelan-born Jose Sanabria's second-round flash knockdown over former Olympian Robert Shannon became a vital issue as Sanabria registered a majority, 10-round decision. Shannon, 122¼, Edmonds, Washington, surged back with a furious finish and almost gave manager Dundee twin wins before Sanabria, 123, New York, collected the squeaker to lift his record to 11-1-1 with four KOs. Shannon dipped to 11-1-1 with six KOs.

Sanabria, 24, provided the margin of victory when he caught Shannon coming in off-balance with a short left hook to the jaw. More startled than hurt, Shannon landed on the seat of his pants, but jumped up immediately. However, referee Toby Gibson elected to give him the mandatory eight-count despite Dundee's insistence that, "My fighter just slipped."

In the scoring, Lou Tabat registered a draw at 95-95, while Roth and Giampa each tabbed 96-94 for Sanabria, who lost a point in the ninth round for a low blow. *The Ring*'s tally was 95-94, Sanabria.

Engels Pedroza, 143½, Long Beach, California, fashioned his 12th-straight knockout, disposing of John Del Pino, 140½, Tucson, Arizona, at 2:01 of the first of a scheduled six.

Jose Ramon Tirado, 132, New York, and Vincente Gonazalez, 129¾, boxed to a six-round draw.

Roberto Cantu, 136, posted a unanimous, four-round decision over Ralph Robin, 136, Phoenix, Arizona.
(7-5-87)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Caesars Palace**—Jeff Franklin of Las Vegas closed strongly in the late rounds to gain a majority decision over Adam Garcia of El Mirage, Ariz., in a 10-round featherweight rematch on the Mike McCallum-Donald Curry WBA junior middleweight championship undercard.

Franklin, 137, improving his ledger to 16-2-2 seven KOs, also improved on their Mar. 5 meeting at the Showboat when he was declared winner after Garcia, 127, had picked up eye cuts caused by accidental butts.

The ending was controversial since Garcia, 12-9-1, seven KOs, was leading on the judges' scorecards when the bout was stopped in the fourth round.

Franklin's best weapon was a steady jab at long range, while the brawling Garcia was more effective with double hooks to the head.

Dale Jackson, 159¼, Chicago, had too many guns for willing Israel Cole, 161, Las Vegas, scoring a TKO at 2:30 of the fifth round in a bout scheduled for eight rounds. Jackson is 17-2-2, 15 KOs while Cole drops to 8-4-1, five KOs.

Akeem Anifowoshe, 116½, Las Vegas, recorded a TKO victory over Jorge Lujan, 115, Phoenix, Ariz., at 2:59 of the third round in a slated sixer. The winner is 5-0, four KOs, while Lujan falls to 1-4.

In a four-round windup, Leonard Washington, 134¾, Las Vegas, and Tim Gallagher, 134, Phoenix, Ariz., battled to a draw.
(7-18-87)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—Making the most of his stand-in status, "an awkward and offbeat fighter" by the name of "Tuff" Tony Willis from Chicago captured the NABF light heavyweight title with a knockout of defending champion Willie "Sandman" Edwards, 174¼, Detroit at 2:57 of Round Four.

Edwards, not known as Mr. Orthodox himself, found the obscure Willis (173 lbs.) and his own brand of business hard to fathom. Even with that aside, the outcome was christened in the very first round when old scar tissue burst open over Willie's left eye. With blood flowing, Edwards became even more hesitant, forgetting the fact that Willis wasn't really taking full advantage. He would circle lazily, using the occasional left hook as his chief weapon.

The doctor visited Edwards' corner (later describing the wound as four separate cuts in the shape of an upside down V) after each round and in the third Willie had no choice but to press the issue before he ran out of blood. With selected shots from his bag of experience, he attempted to break the youngster's confidence. *Little did he realize Willis would not fluster.*

The end came when Tony changed up and fired a straight right that Edwards failed to intercept, except with his chin. Down he went *in film at 11 fashion, falling back, legs folding up underneath.* Referee Joe Cortez didn't even have to bother finishing the count as the docters were already through the ropes.

Afterwards, a jubilant Willis gave thanks to his entire entourage, virtually downplaying his own capacity.

"It's hard to say what this feels like. I'm just so glad so many people helped me get here," said Willis. "Willie is an awkward fighter. I was trying to set him up for a right hand and I couldn't seem to do it. When the one opening came and I caught him, I knew that was it."

Said a dejected but realistic Edwards. "I figured if this went on a whole lot longer, they were going to stop it. I went after him more and wanted to gradually pick it up. I never saw the punch because of the blood. If you see a punch coming, you can prepare yourself for it a little bit. If you don't, well . . . ."

With a propensity to cut, Edwards gave heavy thought to retirement. "If this is the time for me to leave, I can accept it." Best of luck, Willie.

A maturing Willie Ford, 128¼, Phila., used guile and speed to douse the pressure tactics of switch-hitting Julio Merino, 131¼, Newark, NJ, and gain a unanimous six-round decision. Scores: Milo Savage, 59-56, Joe Pasquale, 60-54, and Eva Shain, 58-56. Ford took the hectic final round to win *The Ring* card 58-57. Ref, Cortez.

In a stylish six, Bryant Paden, 134¾, Phila., rode out a strong Round One by "Sir" Barrington Francis, 133, Plainfield, NJ, to sweep the remaining rounds and cop a unanimous decision. While never down, Francis took obvious beatings in the fourth and sixth. Scores: Savage and Shain at 59-55, while Pasquale had it 60-53. *The Ring* card read 59-53. Referee was Randy Neumann.

Owen McGeachy, 135½, Brooklyn, decked foe Jorge Collazo, 132, Plainfield, in the first round and that apparently was his margin of victory. McGeachy took a four-round majority verdict with scores of 39-37 from Savage and 40-35 from Shain, while Pasquale had it 38-38. *The Ring* had it 38-37 for McGeachy. Ref, Neumann.

In a somewhat dull walk-out bout, Mike Williams, 161, NYC, took a four-round unanimous decision over Kenny Page, 163, Philadelphia. Scores: Shain and Pasquale at 39-37; Savage, 40-37. Ref, Neumann.

Judges: Cindy Bartin of Nevada replaced Joe Pasquale in the NABF title bout.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter: HBA Inc. Bud Sports.
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
(6-26-87)

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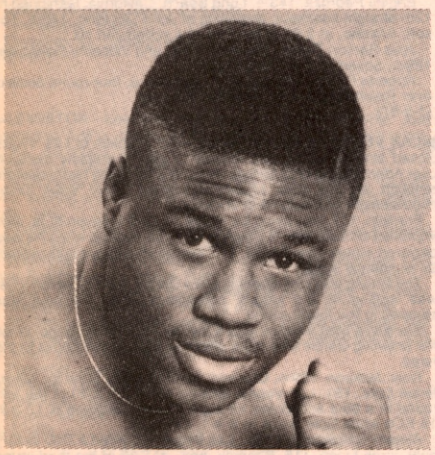

Meldrick Taylor continued his fine string of victories, thrashing Cubanito Perez for a unanimous 10-round decision in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—Talent and youthful vigor alone can be counted on to carry Meldrick Taylor to victory in most fights. But trainer Georgie Benton and an informative grapevine supplemented the basics to produce not just a win, but an eye-opening performance. In an eagerly awaited showdown, Meldrick, 139½, Phila., nearly shut out Irleis "Cubanito" Perez, 140, Santa Ana, Cal., 10.

Taylor was superbly prepared, while the veteran Perez appeared shot and ready to be picked. But it was no disappointment. Despite the one-sidedness, Meldrick was so compelling that no one seemed to mind . . . not even Perez. Cubanito laughed every time Meldrick landed a good shot, which was about all the offense Perez could mount. He ended up laughing so much, he should have been in with Rodney Dangerfield. The grapevine must have tipped off Taylor's camp, because Cubanito appeared nothing like the fighter who had made a gallant stab at the IBF title barely a year ago.

Taylor, meanwhile, is beginning to resemble the heir apparent to trainer Benton's fabled ring craft. An unlikely candidate, Meldrick has had to convert from his familiar whirlwind style to that of a cunning stalker and defensive artist.

"We're facing better opposition now," Lou Duva explained, "and that requires learning more effective tactics."

Indeed, about the only flaw Taylor evidenced was a slight unfamiliarity with the new style that hadn't yet become second nature. He used time thinking and noticeably shifted gears between offense and defense. That's about all that saved Perez from a knockout. Meldrick would draw fire, slip punches and shift position deftly, then rake Cubanito with smart combinations, not just blind volleys. But as if to avoid lapsing into a slugging match, Taylor would ease off and "work on defense" awhile.

Cubanito became so stymied, he resorted to trickery. Himself the only one bleeding, he kept telling Taylor, "You're cut! You're cut!" Meldrick wasn't fooled.

"That was kind of bizarre to me," he said. "*He* was bleeding like a pig."

Cubanito's trainer, Angelo Dundee, cracked, "I hoped Meldrick would have talked more instead of punching more." And he admitted, "Cubanito tried, but the better guy won. It's that simple."

Phil Newman scored 100-90, Frank Cairo and Thomas Kaczmarek 99-90. Ted Pick refereed.

Henry Tillman has joined the Duva stable and new trainer Joey Fariello, claiming old trainer Mercer Smith held him back at lighter poundage. But as a heavyweight, Henry hasn't yet learned to "wear it well." Tillman, 218½, L.A., looked terrible clubbing out a unanimous win over game K.P. Porter, 207¾, Battle Creek, Mich., in a cumbersome 10. Tillman pitched a near-shutout, but his performance bore no other similarity to Taylor's. The bout didn't lack for action, but it was of the "Keystone Kops" variety. Tillman clobbered Porter again and again, but the light-hitting underdog would bicycle to safety as Henry flailed himself to exhaustion in empty pursuit. By the final round, Tillman was stumbling and fumbling as the crowd mocked his plight. Joe Cortez refereed.

A newly aggressive Donald Johnson, 157, Brooklyn, hammered hapless Sidney Gantz, 158¾, Lancaster, PA, for a unanimous win in a wild and woolly six. Ref, Pick.

Luis Melendez, 118, Bayamon, PR, via Allentown, PA, won a unanimous decision over Robert Rayford, 117¾, Phila., in a well-fought four. Rayford was dropped in the third and fourth. Ref, Pick.

Promoter: Dan Duva (Main Events Monitor Productions).
Matchmaker: Johnny Bos.
Attendance: 900 (est.).
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(7-11-87)

▶**SECAUCUS—Hilton**—The second black-tie evening of boxing featured an excellent main event. Myron Taylor returned to the wars and looked surprisingly good. One-time prospect Richard Savage relocated to New York, feeling his career was going nowhere in the South. The two had met years back, and this time Taylor, 125, Phila., reversed that earlier loss, gaining a unanimous verdict over Savage, 127¼, Monroe, LA, in a solid 10.

It was nearly over before it got started. Taylor exploded out and savaged Savage onto the ropes in the first, jolting him with left hooks 'til he was close to falling. After surviving Taylor's initial burst, Savage began to find some room and inched his way back with clever boxing. But Myron closed the show as he had opened it, muscling inside with a bruising attack that left Richard wilted and holding on in the late rounds.

Al DeVito and Charlie Spina scored 97-94, while Ron Burns seemed off-base at 100-90. Ref, Joe Cortez.

The eight dealt a blow to the ticket-selling capacity of this promotion as Jose Fuentes, 155½, Jersey City, handed a thorough beating to popular Pat Prisco, 157, Madison, by unanimous decision. The durable Prisco likes to outlast his opponent in the trenches, but Fuentes just hit too hard. After four rounds of rugged exchanging, Pat began to give ground. Southpaw Fuentes dropped him hard with a winging left in the sixth, then battered the fading Prisco to the finish. DeVito voted 78-74, Burns 77-74, and Spina 79-72. Ref, Tony Orlando.

Red-hot Mark Miller, 141, Cincinnati via Paterson, demolished Pablo Rivera, 147, NYC, in 1:42 of the first, scheduled four. Miller mixed his punches over and under with demonic effect, scoring a standing eight and a knockdown before Orlando rescued Pablo from martyrdom.

Muscular Louis Palumbo, 142, Bklyn., hammered out a disputed, but just unanimous verdict over spirited Renaldo Carson, 141, Jersey City, in an action-packed four. Ref, Cortez.

Fleet-footed Dom Scibetta, 162, Bayonne, boxed his way to a unanimous win over rugged Herman Cordoba, 165½, Bklyn., in a fast-paced four. Ref, Orlando.

Returning David Fields, 163, Bklyn., beat James Underwood, 166, Cinc., by unanimous decision in a hard-fought four. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter: Murad Muhammad (3M Promotions).
Matchmaker: Al Certo.
Attendance: 300, $8000 (est.).
Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Announcer: Ron Scott Stevens.
(7-29-87)

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▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International**—Resurgent Lenny LaPaglia scored his second straight controversial win, this time on a fair, but unpopular verdict over Stacy McSwain. At least fans got enough action this time to more than make up for the quick-thumb stoppage of Marvin Mack.

LaPaglia, 166, Melrose Park, IL, and McSwain, 165, Mt. Clemens, Mich., via Forest City, NC, waged a see-saw pier-sixer for 10 bruising sessions. The heavy-fisted LaPaglia threw fewer punches, taking time to set up, but rattled McSwain when he did. McSwain was busier, with the joltings only spurring him to redoubled vigor. Several times, he volleyed LaPaglia to a standstill after being rocked himself. Neither took or gave any quarter until a rally by LaPaglia late in the seventh left McSwain weary and giving ground. After dropping the next two, an exhausted Stacy made a determined effort in the final round, which Lenny virtually conceded. The crowd was behind McSwain for his gritty underdog showing and didn't like the majority decision for LaPaglia.

Richard F. Murry had 96-95 and Charlie Spina 96-94, while Joe Pasquale scored 95-95. Steve Smoger refereed.

The co-feature 10 was also an exciting battle, quite similar to the main. For the second straight time locally, Marino "El Gato" Ramirez fell short despite a crowd-winning effort. Comebacking Anthony English, 130¼, Camden, was decisively sharp, before falling victim to his perennial stamina bugaboo. By that time, he had stowed away an insurmountable lead and needed only to hold on to the finish, which he did, but not particularly gracefully, eliciting an angry reaction from fans when the unanimous verdict was announced. Anthony had dominated the gritty southpaw through the first seven with sharper hands in frenetic exchanging. The stocky, wade-in banger Ramirez, 130¼, Santiago, Dom. Rep., via Paterson, picked up a few rounds on determination alone.

In the eighth, action broke wide open. English launched an unbroken barrage with such fury that Ramirez could only prop himself on the strands and bob like a cork in a tornado. This he did with notable skill, until Anthony got smart. Going underneath with a crisp left uppercut, he rattled Marino into a standing eight. But English punched himself to exhaustion trying for a finisher, then grabbed desperately and wrestled the Dominican to the floor as Ramirez bounced back with a sensational rally. Anthony's exhaustion set up Marino's dramatic race with the clock, which Ramirez lost when English made it to the bell. Pasquale voted 95-94, Murry 97-94, and Spina 95-92. Ref, Joe O'Neil.

In an evening of frantic battles, Tommy Hanks, 130½, Cleveland, outlasted Mark "The Cannon" Brandon, 132, Indianapolis, who was unable to come out for the sixth and final round. Brannon was classier and severely cut Tommy's left eye, but the brawling Hanks would not be denied. Doing anything to win, he charged vigorously in the fifth, crashing heads as he landed a right to the body to floor Brannon. Mark faded badly thereafter and was savagely battered into surrender. Ref, Smoger.

Gil Maldonado, 133, Bronx, dished out a solid, unanimous beating to Craig "Shining Star" Johnson, 131½, Pleasantville, who seemed unable to handle Gil's southpaw stance in a good six. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner and Bruce Trampler.
Attendance: 850 (est.).
Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(7-7-87)

J. R. JOWETT

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Perennial heavyweight contender Renaldo Snipes (212, Yonkers, N.Y.) continued his march down the comeback trail with a picturesque but unconvincing 10-round stoppage of Terry Anderson (211, Tampa, Fla.) in a scheduled 12-round main event.

Up to the denouement, the fight had not been noteworthy. Anderson, who came in with a 15-1 (14 kayoes) record apparently accumulated against unknowns, was earnest, but painfully inept. Still, he won several early rounds with his determined punching, and even had Snipes in a little trouble in the fourth, fifth and ninth. Snipes put out his usual half-hearted effort, and many ringsiders had Anderson ahead or at least holding his own after the ninth round. Anderson hurt Snipes again early in the 10th, but was plainly tiring, and an answering flurry from Renaldo had him on unsteady pins. A left to the body followed by a right to the jaw put Anderson down for an eight-count; he arose a beaten man, and Snipes soon had him down again with a left and two rights. Referee Arthur Mercante Jr. quit counting at five when it was plain that Anderson would not get up. The time was 2:40. Snipes, who can claim something called the Continental Americas Heavyweight Championship from this match, is 29-6-1, 15 kayoes.

The main supporting bout saw popular but overrated Matt Farrago (155½, Center Moriches, N.Y.) win his 21st against one draw with a third-round stoppage of Harlin Holden (152½, Chicago). Farrago, strictly a slap-and-push brawler, bundled Holden through the ropes in the second with a flurry of what might charitably be called punches, then did the same again in the third. Holden got up each time, but plainly had no stomach for further action, and ref Carl Schroeder rescued him at 1:54 of the third. Holden is 7-8, five kayoes; it was Farrago's ninth inside-the-distance win.

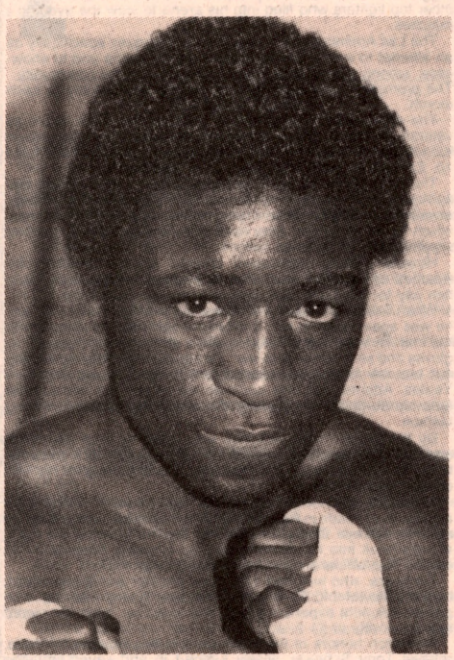
In an entertaining eight, Wali Muhammad took his record to 9-0 (seven kayoes) with an unpopular unanimous decision over Frankie Swindell. Muhammad (176, Orange, N.J.) stands about 6'4", looks 20 lbs. heavier than his announced weight, and thinks he's Muhammad Ali. He should have had an easy time against the short, awkward Swindell (179½, Nashville), but he spent too much time rope-a-doping and getting caught with Swindell's wild roundhouses. Muhammad finally wised up and started using his jab at the end and took the decision, 5-3 according to judges Georgie Colon and Al Reid, 6-0-2 according to judge Coley Wallace. The crowd had scored it the other way, and gave Swindell a hearty cheer on his exit. *The Ring* called it a 4-4 draw. Swindell's record is now 11-2, eight kayoes.

Aaron Davis (149, the Bronx) improved to 11-0, six kayoes, with a questionable fourth-round stoppage of trialhorse Marvin McDowell (151, Baltimore). Davis has only one punch, a wild left, but that was better than McDowell's no punch at all. Still, McDowell was never in great trouble; ref Oscar Perez stopped the bout at 0:27 of the fourth after Davis had landed two or three good shots, but most of those at ringside couldn't see that those punches were any harder than Davis' previous efforts. A loud chant of "bullshit" rocked the hall for several seconds. The hapless McDowell went home with a 7-8 record, four kayoes.

In a four-round heavyweight match, Wendell Everett (180, Freehold, N.J.), took a majority decision from debuting Michael Conratti (185, Long Beach, N.Y.). Neither man can fight; they both looked exactly like old films of Jess Willard. Conratti ran around the ring with his left cocked like an old lady trying to throw a pie; Everett (2-2) was content with making him miss and landing faint-hearted jabs. These were enough to give him the nod on the cards of judges Colon and George DeGabriel, 3-1, judge Reid saw a 2-2 draw. *The Ring* liked Everett, 2-1-1.

In the concluding bout, Steve Johnson (141, the Bronx) got his second win against no losses with a well-earned unanimous decision over Luis Castillo (141, Brooklyn). Neither man could punch a lick, but both launched a good effort and showed some skills; Johnson particularly impressed with his classy defensive infighting and a sharp left hook. All three judges, and *The Ring*, agreed on a 3-1 score for Johnson. It was Castillo's first loss against three wins.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(7-23-87)



Cornelius Boza-Edwards made his New York City debut a thriller one by coming off the floor to outpoint Ali Karim Muhammad.

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Former junior lightweight boss Cornelius Boza-Edwards won a hard-fought unanimous decision from Ali Karim Muhammad in a real crowd-pleaser that saw trialhorse Muhammad put Boza on the canvas twice in the opening round, then slowly fade over the succeeding nine heats. Muhammad, 138, decked Boza with a big right hand in the opening seconds of the bout, then dropped him again immediately thereafter with a flurry. Boza, 136½, arose very groggy, but he bought a few seconds' rest when he pushed Muhammad to the floor and referee Arthur Mercante Sr. called it a knockdown. Muhammad went back in for the kill immediately upon arising, but wasn't cool-headed enough to drop the obviously distressed Boza a third time.

From the second through the ninth rounds, it was an unadulterated brawl, with Muhammad doing his best but with Boza having slightly the better of most exchanges. Muhammad came out to do or die in the 10th, but could not sustain his attack long enough to score the necessary knockout. Judges Danny Whelan and Victor Suarez scored the bout for Boza, 7-3, as did *The Ring*; judge Ted Wint had Boza ahead 6-4. Boza, who now lives in Las Vegas, goes to 45-6-1, 34 kayoes, but should have done better against the Chicago-based Muhammad, who is 14-11-1, with four kayoes.

In a feature bout, Jackie Beard (131½, Jackson, Tenn.) stopped Donnie Parker (133, Baltimore) in the ninth round of a real stinkeroo. Parker (5-10-1, three kayoes), ran, stalled and landed the occasional loud slap thoughout the bout; Beard pursued earnestly, but couldn't do much until he finally decked Parker with a ferocious right to the body at 1:46 of the ninth. Parker looked like he could have continued, but referee Johnny Colan obviously felt that would be pointless and stopped the action. Beard is 30-3, 17 by kayo.

Chris Tiozzo (162, Paris, France) stopped John "Papa" Moore (160, Evansville, Ind.) at 0:29 of the seventh in a scheduled eight. Moore is a dreadlocked fireplug who can't box or punch but who is just awkward enough to land a lot. Tiozzo hit him at will and won every round, but he is no finisher and has a very porous defense. There were no knockdowns; ref Sammy Viruet called a halt when Moore's exhaustion was too obvious. Tiozzo remains unbeaten at 13-0, eight kayoes; Moore is 8-4, two kayoes. Tiozzo's advertising-covered trunks provided the main amusement.

In another scheduled eight, unbeaten Glenwood Brown took his 12th victory, the 10th by kayo, when he halted Cleveland-based Jeff Graves at 1:08 of the opening round. Brown (143, Plainfield, N.J.) decked Graves with a big right in the opening minute, Graves arose helpless, and ref Mercante halted matters after a quick barrage from Brown. Graves, who weighed 143½, has a 6-4 log, one kayo.

Another quick kayo occurred when debuting Harold Rhodes (140, Jersey City, N.J.) walked into a left hook thrown by Raul Rivera (144, The Bronx) in the first minute of a scheduled four-round bout. Rhodes fell, rose at the count of nine, but was still goofy, and ref Viruet rightly stopped it at the 0:43 mark. Rivera is 2-0.

Two debutants, Steve Johnson (140, The Bronx) and Tomas Hernandez (137, The Bronx) staged a cracking good club fight over four rounds, Johnson taking a majority decision. Hernandez, a straight brawler, won the first two rounds, but Johnson's faultlessly classic style won out in the last two. Judges Wint and Suarez saw Johnson the victor, 3-1; judge Whelan had a draw, 2-2. *The Ring* also scored it 2-2, but gave Johnson a points edge, 3-2.

The walkout bout, also a four-rounder featuring two first-timers, was a laugh riot. Ed Martinez (153½, The Bronx), stopped Eric Cerra (154, Hamburg, N.J.) at 0:42 of the third round of what looked more like a tough-man contest. Cerra, who fought in cutoff jeans and sneakers, hit the deck in the second and third rounds, both times from body shots; ref Colan stopped it after the second knockdown. But between times, Martinez had all he could handle and the fans left the arena howling with mirth.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
(7-9-87)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

OREGON

▶**PORTLAND—The Portland Sports Arena**—The latest encore in 1980 Olympian Charles Carter's extended series of disappointments ended after six minutes in a scheduled 10-round main event vs. Terrence "Top Cat" Walker (172) of Las Vegas. Carter (172), fighting for the first time as a light heavy, came out in the first with his trademark fast hands and feet only to encounter Walker's equally fast triple jab and an aggressive hook. Carter took the first round by a narrow margin on the judges cards, but seemed low on fuel in the second. Walker had the taller Carter on the ropes for the last half and decked him with a hook-straight right combo to the chin. Carter beat the count just as the bell rang ending the round and announced between rounds that he couldn't continue. Carter was suspended in 1986 by the New York State Commission for traces of cocaine found in his drug test before a scheduled fight with Iran Barkley. The Portland Commission required a drug test the morning of this bout. No suspect traces were found.

On the undercard: southpaw Ken Smith (163) of Everett, WA., debuted with a four-round decision win over debuting Danny Lowrey (160) of Las Vegas.

Leonard Washington (135) of Las Vegas decisioned Ata Jarrar (135) of Portland in four.

Heavyweight George Stevens (206) of Boulder Col., won a TKO over Jerry Sampson (266) of Portland. Sampson, a last-minute sub, is a wrestler and body builder making his pro debut as a boxer. Sampson hit the deck twice, took two standing eight counts and finally rolled out under the ring ropes at 2:32 of the first round.

Referee: Bill Thornberg.
Judges: Ben LaFord, George Robinson & Paul Weitzel.
Ringside Physician: Dr. Robert Lorey.
Matchmaker: Sandy Barr.
Attendance: 150 paid $1,100.
(6-30-87)

▶**NOTES**—The Oregon State legislature passed a bill to create a state boxing and wrestling commission. Up to now municipal commissions have been appointed by city mayors by petition of the citizens. Governor Neil Goldschmidt has signed the bill and will be presenting his appointments to the five member commission next week some time. The appointments have to be approved by the Senate.

The bill officially goes into effect October 1. All existing municipal commissions will be eliminated on that date. The new commission will be located in a Portland office and will be charged with designing and adopting a new rule book. Until now each commission interpreted vague state statutes independently.

The conditions leading to the bills passage included tough guy contests occurring between jurisdictions, a total lack of communications between municipal commissions and generally slack regulation.

The bill was presented by Representative Joyce Cohen (D) of Lake Oswego, OR. and was passed unanimously by the senate and by an enormous majority in the House.

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—A somewhat unimposing card by the rigorous standards of this stellar club ironically proved more significant than the neighborhood armageddons that are regular fare. With Bobby Czyz' manager, Carlo Dee, in attendance, "Prince" Charles Williams, 172½, Mansfield, OH, successfully defended his ill-gotten (bad decision) USBA light heavy crown with an impressive TKO of Joe Dolphin, 170, Ft. Lauderdale, at 1:31 of the second, scheduled 12.

Although he bolted menacingly into the ring adorned with some sort of threat on his robe which had to be masked for TV, the mediocre challenger was never really in the fight. Williams muscled him into a corner in the second, pinned him with a shoulder, then rattled him with a booming right uppercut. The ropes held Dolphin up until he was able to scramble for daylight, but the champion's attack was relentless. With the challenger again catching leather against the strands, ref Rudy Battle intervened. Williams' victory was commanding, and Dee indicated a shot at Czyz was at hand.

Hughie "Buttons" Kearney, 149½, W. Phila., drew a laugher in substitute Tomas Garcia, 149½, Nuevo Laredo, Mex., in a scheduled 10. The flat-footed club fighter was so short on talent compared to Kearney that the local was able to spank him at will. "Buttons" must have felt like a perfect-game pitcher; he was throwing all strikes and not getting hit. Referee John Carroll stopped the drubbing after six.

Warren Nelson, 149½, N. Phila., was bestowed an indefensibly rank decision over Frank Montgomery, 150, W. Phila., six. Montgomery was launching a comeback, but a miscarriage like this could be enough to turn him to crime. It was the best fight of the night, with Nelson forcing the action and putting up a commendable showing. But Montgomery boxed well in reverse, with a scissoring jab and jarring counters, to clearly deserve the win. The judges, however, turned in a monumental show of incompetence, with Carol Polis voting an incredible 29-26 and Lynne Carter 28-27, while Al Morris had 27-all. Ref, Carroll.

Ali Saad Muhammad, 137, S. Phila., was lucky to get a majority verdict over Mike Brown, 136, N. Phila., in a lackluster four. Ali seemed to want it more, though he couldn't translate his desire into effective punching. Ref, Battle.

In a wild bash, Felix "The Cat" Shorter, 230, Shelby, Miss., via Lagrange, Ind., TKO'd Jerry Rash, 194½, Elkton, MD, via N. Phila., at 2:29 of the first, scheduled four. Shorter's wrecking-ball right couldn't miss Jerry's head, scoring one knockdown before Battle halted it.

Promising Andre Prophet, 174¼, N. Phila., debuted with an exciting, two-knockdown TKO of rugged Dale Brown, 175, Wilmington, at 2:42 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Carroll.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 790, $8500 (est.).
Timekeeper: J. P. Mina.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(7-14-87)

J. R. JOWETT

SOUTH CAROLINA

▶COLUMBIA—Columbia National Guard Armory—Light heavyweight Bobby Jennings had his second shot at Dean Moore, but the South Carolinian is still searching for his first win over his North Carolina rival.

In October, Jennings, who previously had lost only to David Sears and Junior Edmond, dropped an eight-round decision to Moore. This time, he didn't lose, but he didn't win, either, settling for a 10-round draw.

"I thought I won the last five rounds and won the fight," said Jennings. "I feel like I pulled out the decision, but I'll settle for the draw. Dean Moore has a good left hook. He knocked my mouthpiece out twice, and I nearly lost it a third time."

Moore thought he won, but said, "I'm glad for a draw rather than a loss. I was scared that if it went the distance I'd lose on a decision."

Jennings, who was cut over the left eye by a second-round collsion of heads, fell behind early, but came on in the middle rounds and held the lead on all three cards at the end of nine rounds. But Moore rallied to take the last stanza and earned a draw on two of the judges' scorecards.

The co-feature saw Poncho Carter, 198, return from a year's layoff due to an eye injury to stop John Harrison of Winston-Salem. The win pushed Carter to 17-2.

Carter decked Harrison in the second round with a left hook and an uppercut. Harrison hit the deck twice more before referee Gregg Hitopoulos called it off at 2:27.

Continental American middleweight champion Ricky Stackhouse, 18-4, needed just 1:33 of a scheduled six-rounder to dispose of Claude Moore, who fell to 9-6.

Columbian welterweight Mike English scored a six-round TKO of Spartanburg's Paul Gentry.

Heavyweight Mike Belton, also of Columbia, won by disqualification in the third over Winston-Salem's Tony Hayes.

Columbian middleweight Buddy Cook stopped Lexington, North Carolina's Warren Knotts in the second.

Promoter: Jay Promotions.
Attendance: 600.
(7-16-87)

TENNESSEE

▶MEMPHIS—Omni-Daisy Theatre—The main event featured Memphian Greg "The Beale Street Hitman" Dickson, 149, paired with Oklahoma City's Ron "The Animal" Johnson, 149, in a scheduled 10-round welterweight bout.

Dickson, the aggressor, came out landing combinations the first two rounds. Johnson started to pick up the pace in the third only to be floored for the count of eight by a short left hand. Dickson cruised the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds but came out banging in the seventh, having Johnson down early. Dickson was pouring it on after the knockdown when referee Jim Kidd had seen enough and stepped in to halt the bout at 1:58.

"I decided to box real hard in the first five rounds, rest in the sixth and then try to put him away in the seventh," said Dickson, who improved his record to 10-1.

Dickson's manager, Red Fortner, said, "I think you're going to see Greg on a steady rise in the rankings now. He's improving with every fight."

On the undercard, Covington's Rob Williamson, 137, earned a six-round, split decision over Randy Phillips, 144, Greenville, Mississippi.

Ken Louis, 146, Greenville, Mississippi, stopped Ernie Lopez, 147, Las Vegas, at 1:31 of the first frame in a scheduled six.

Oklahoma City's Frankie Owens, 165, won a split decision over Nashville's Donald Bowers, 165, in a six-rounder.

Covington's Steve Rhea, 152, pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Memphian Danny Wright, 154.

In the opener, Memphian Mike Jones, 219, scored a TKO over William Douglass, 196, Indianola, Mississippi, when Douglass quit after the first round of the scheduled four.

Promoter: Tom Harmon & Mid-South Boxing Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Alex McCollum & Mark Atherson.
Referees: Jim Kidd & Sam Garland.
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone.
Physicians: Dr. Jeff Hoover & Dr. Lee Wilson.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
(7-7-87)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶HOUSTON—Las Americas Arena—Up-and-coming promoter David Marquez treated Houston boxing fans not only to a night of fine boxing, but also the opportunity to mingle with Tyrell Biggs, Mike McCallum, hot prospect Mike Williams and a dozen other top fighters who filed into his arena to view the evening's matches.

The Las Americas Arena was built by Marquez specifically as an attempt to revive boxing in the Houston arena and to showcase, among others, local Hispanic fighters to the community. The promotions are currently held on the last Sunday of each month.

The crowd was offered a mild upset in the main event as veteran southpaw Daniel Zaragoza chopped down hometown KO artist Ramiro Adames at 1:57 of the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Zaragoza's NABF title was not on the line.

The two fighters mixed it up immediately at the opening bell as Adams, 121, showed no respect for the former WBA champ, invariably coming forward throwing uppercuts and body punches, which for the most part were nullified by Zaragoza's dexterity at slipping and sliding away.

However, being aggressive created another problem for Adames as well. For each shot he missed, the Mexican made him pay for it big with damaging counter-punches.

When Adames chased his foe across the ring in Round Two, he was again rejected with a counter-hook shot, sending him to the mat. Referee Barry Yeates gave a standing eight, wiped his gloves and sent him back to war. Zaragoza responded by dishing out two low blows, the second one bringing a warning from Yeates. Adames not only survived the round, but showed the fans his durability by finishing the remaining minute in strong fashion.

By the fourth round, Adames was bleeding from his mouth and his face was badly swollen from Zaragoza's slick combinations, but he still charged combatively ahead looking for his 14th consecutive knockout.

It was not destined to happen this night, though. Shortly after a collision of heads in Round Five, which opened a cut just above Adames' left eye, Zaragoza delivered the final punch of the night, a crisp hook into his opponent's jaw, crippling Adames in his tracks. The official time of the stoppage was 1:57.

Zaragoza, who weighed 121, adds another win to his record, bringing the total to 38-4, with 18 kayoes. Young Adames, who gained valuable experience from this matchup, sees his record remain worthy at 14-2.

Mismatch honors of the night went to this bout as the hero, referee Tony Schelski, wisely jumped in and saved Houston boxer Jim Flores from further punishment as Olympic Gold Medalist Pernell "Sweetpea" Whitaker used his opponent's body as a heavy bag for 2½ minutes, ultimately sending Flores to his knees.

Shortly afterward Schelski quipped to *The Ring*, "Thank God Pernell didn't go to the head of that guy!" Both men weighed in at 137.

In a middleweight bout, Barry Boatwright, 153, Houston, displayed good power in both hands and quickly won the respect of Andres Uribe of Mexico, 155.

After a close first round, Boatwright turned the heat up in Round Two, icing Uribe at the 1:56 mark.

Boatwright's record is now 6-2, three kayoes, while Uribe goes to 8-2, seven by knockout. Yeates, referee.

In the only fight on the card to go the distance, undefeated local prospect David Moreno, 125, hammered out a unanimous decision over veteran Tony "Bulldog" Cisneros, 125, of Arizona in six.

"Bulldog" showed the crowd what his chin was made of, standing up to Moreno's best punches, never forgetting to smile a la Leon Spinks each time Moreno clocked him.

Moreno now chalks up an impressive 9-0, with six kayoes, while Cisneros racks a 21-11 record. Schelski, referee.

Opening the card saw Houstonian Joe Moreno, 136½, stop opponent Jose Sanchez, 135½, Arizona, at 2:16 of the second round.

Moreno climbed off the canvas after being floored in Round One to send Sanchez down twice in Round Two, the second time for good. Schelski, referee.

Matchmaker: David Marquez.
Timekeeper: Tommy Farris.
Physician: Parish Bransford & Jorge Guerrero.
Announcer: Gordon Woods.
Judges: Lee McCowan, Bob Martin, Charles Stancel & Phil Morrison.
Attendance: 1,700.
(6-28-87)

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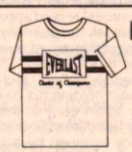

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CANADA

▶**TORONTO**—A small, five-bout card held here featured Ace Rusevski, Macedonia, 147, with a record of 23-1-1, winning a unanimous eight-round decision over Cleveland's Bobby Jones, 144½, who came in 11-6.

Both had not fought for several months, and the fight was far from exciting. Rusevski, a southpaw who lacks punching power, slowed down after the fifth round and Jones, who was not in the best of shape, was able to get in close and survive the final three rounds.

The official scores of 80-75 (twice) and 80-74 sent the Macedonian fans home deliriously happy, but at 32 years of age, Rusevski will remain what he is right now, a club fighter.

One word will be sufficient to report on the so-called semifinal over six rounds—garbage. Former Canadian lightweight champion Remo DiCarlo of Toronto, 141, with a record of 20-2, was involved in a road race for less than five minutes with one Reggie Strickland, 138½, Ohio, who brought an impressive record of 1-2. After Strickland took three counts from phantom punches while on the run, the farce was halted at 1:59 of the second.

Toronto's Rick Souce, 144½, and Kentucky's Shawn Spinda, 143, put lots of action into their four-round bout before Souce was awarded a unanimous decision.

Toronto's Albert Dumas, 138, needed only 2:52 of the initial round of a scheduled four to stop an outclassed Ricky Turner, Ohio, 137.

Tony Curovic, 172, Toronto, clobbered and battered an out-of-condition Bobby Green, Dunnsville, 185, to win a unanimous, four-round decision.

Promoter: Dan Barnabic.
Referees: Harry Davis & Bobby Bell.
Officials: Williams, Bullard, Davis & Bell.
Timekeepers: Shillilo & Arnold Paris.
Physicians: Sazant & Murray.
Announcer: Maxwell.
Attendance: 500 (est.).
(6-23-87)

▶**TORONTO**—For the first time since its formation, the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation finds itself in the position of not having one champion in any division available for a Canadian championship bout. Due to the tragic accident that befell the deWit family when Willie deWit's father and younger brother were killed in an air crash just outside Grande Prairie, Alberta, Willie's future is on hold. No decision has been made with regards to the contracts signed for a title defense against Ken Lakusta scheduled for Edmonton in August. Light heavyweight champion Willie Featherstone is nursing a badly damaged hand and is not expected to see action until late September. Michael Olajide Jr. voluntarily relinquished his middleweight title and no bout has been approved for the vacant title. In the welterweight division, Ricky Anderson has retired due to medical reasons. Chris Clarke of Halifax and Donovan Boucher of Toronto were scheduled to fight for the vacant title in July. Remo DiCarlo was stripped of his lightweight title for failure to defend and the first two available contenders are scheduled to meet for the now vacant title. In the featherweight division, champion Tony Pep voluntarily relinquished his title due to weight problems and will, in the future, fight as a lightweight.
(6-26-87)

▶**MONTREAL—The Forum**—A fine undercard backed up the Matthew Hilton-Buster Drayton IBF junior middleweight championship.

Montreal's Mario Cusson, 143½, scored a three-round KO over Benoit Boudreau, Haute Aboujagane, 141¼.

Over eight rounds, Serge Cusson, 127¼, Montreal, scored a very impressive win over Timmy Petitpas, 127½, Pointe du Chene, 80-74, 79-75 and 80-75.

Over six rounds, Jean Paul Petrin, 149, Hull, was too much for DeWith Frazier, 149, Toronto, to handle. Scoring a clean knockdown in the fourth round, Petrin went on to win a unanimous decision, 60-56, 60-54 and 59-56.

Montreal's Joe Gatti, 148¼, stopped Ottawa's Joe Dobi, 149½, at 1:53 of the second of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Henri Spitzer.
Referees: Crivello, Jutras & Simpson.
Officials: Mailhot, Miron, Nadeau & LaPointe
Timekeepers: Marchessault & Nichilo
Announcer: Rivest.
Physicians: Meunier & LeClerc.
Attendance: 8,700.
(6-27-87)

FRANK ALLNUTT

SOUTH AMERICA

GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall**—Georgetown's Michael Benjamin, 134, stretched his record to 8-0 with a 10-round, unanimous decision over Venezuela's Carlisto Miranda.

Miranda was cut over both eyes by the local, who is considered a comer.

Local Wayne Harris, based in Trinidad, 156, was not as impressive, squeaking by Joseph Nelson of Trinidad and Tobago by a split, 10-round decision. Many thought Nelson should have received the duke.

Marcelle Daniels, fighting out of Trinidad at 135, defeated Lancelot Cyrus, 131, when the referee stopped the eight-rounder in the third.

Lalta Narine, 118, scored a two-round KO over Ramesh Best, 103, in a scheduled six.

Another scheduled six saw Clifford Vaughn, 113, win by unanimous decision over Ray Jones, 111. Vaughn is a local fighting out of Trinidad.

Promoter: Milton Waterton.
Director of Bouts: Frederick Ramprashad.
Physicians: Dr. H.C. Hugh & Dr. Royston Anderson.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Referees: Green, Adams, Fernandes & Jardine.
Judges: Arno, Thorne & Busby.
Announcer: Allan La Rose.
(6-28-87)

WILL BOODHOO

EUROPE

FRANCE

▶**PERIGUEUX**—Heavyweight Allou Gobe scored a four-round TKO over Marc Gitton.
(6-4-87)

▶**MERIGNAAC**—Gert Bo Jacobsen won the European lightweight championship with an eight-round TKO of Alain Simoes, whose corner threw in the towel.

Bantamweight Ayup Can scored a six-round decision over Abdoul Diane.

Welterweight Antoine Fernandez knocked out Herlin Holden in the second.

Jean Baptiste Mendy scored a five-round KO over Arturo Hernandez in a junior lightweight bout.

An eight-round junior welterweight contest saw Karim Rabbi decision Kevin Austin.

Heavyweight Toufik Balbouli knocked out Arturo Arrinzu in the first.

Welterweights Jean Marc Thenieux and Amar Dahmoun drew in six.
(6-9-87)

▶**SAINT DENIS DE LA REUNION**—Featherweight Raymond Gevia stopped Miloud Kaddour in six.
(6-17-87)

▶**PARIS**—Rene Jacquot scored an eight-round decision over Joel Brival in a junior middleweight bout.

A middleweight eight saw Akim Zeroual decision Miodrag Perunovic.

Junior welterweights Mohamed Ounes and Philippe Arrendel drew in eight.

Light heavyweight Alex Blanchard TKO'd Mwehu Beya in seven.

Fabrice Benichou decisioned Shane Sylvester over eight rounds in a bantamweight scrap.
(6-23-87)

▶**CANNES**—Gianfranco Rosi took the European junior middleweight championship when Marc Ruocco was ruled out for fouls in the fifth.

Daniel Bicchierai decisioned Jean Michel Forestier in a six-rounder between welterweights.

Said Skouma knocked out Knox Brown in six of a junior middleweight contest.

Heavyweight Frank Bruno knocked out Chuck Gardner in one.

Welterweight Dave Dent knocked out Abdel Arik in four.

Light heavyweight Mark Kaylor knocked out Jack Basting in six.
(6-27-87)

GERMANY

▶**HELMSTEDT**—A crowd of 400 saw the first professional show at this east west border town.

An exhibition bout, plus five contests promised 34 rounds of boxing, but with all the bouts ending inside the distance, patrons had to be content with 17 frames for the price of their ticket.

In the light middleweight division, Salvatore Yanez of Chile scored a third-round TKO over Briton Horace Fieory. The 23-year-old Yanez is based locally and awaiting German citizenship. He lost only one of 24 amateur contests and is undefeated in seven paid starts.

Turkish middleweight Nijasi Aytekin scored a three-round TKO over German Harald Schulte.

Andreas Schweiger, a 21-year-old light heavyweight making his debut after 24 amateur contests, scored a two-round KO over Yugoslavia's Mailaden Grubesic.

Light middleweight Markus Unverdruss knocked out fellow German Karl-Heinz Furtges in the opening round.

Nigerian super featherweight Peter Konyegwachie, a silver medalist at the Los Angeles Olympics who lost only four ot his 86 amateur contests, won his fourth paid start, stopping Britain's Danny Lee in the third.

The exhibition four-rounder saw German heavyweight champion Manfred Jassmann exchange blows with fellow countryman Uwe Meinecke.

Promoter: Dieter Schuster.
Referee: Bertram.
(7-4-87)

JACK TREE

ITALY

▶**BARI**—Luciano Navarra, 154, won an eight-round decision over Eric Tatoon, 157½.
(5-24-87)

▶**AREZZO**—Junior welterweight Efrem Calamati won an eight-round decision over Albdelkader Marbi.
(5-29-87)

▶**CENTO**—Efisio Galici, 153¼, knocked out Dario DeJesus, 153¼, in one.

Juan Muriel, 129, scored a six-round decision over Jellel Mastouri, 127¾.

Habib Hammami, 139, decisioned Leonardo Pompa, 141¾, over six.
(5-29-87)

▶**CASORIA**—Antonio Picardi posted a 12-round decision over Vincenzo Belcastro for the Italian bantamweight championship. Each weighed 118.

Welterweight Paolo Pesci decisioned Za Dindia Mbeke over six.

Paolo Agostinelli stopped Apollo Sewawa in the first of a junior middleweight contest.

Francesco Dell'Aquila decisioned Inino Wa Tonino Bolamba in a six-round middleweight bout.
(6-2-87)

▶**CISTERNA**—A junior middleweight bout ended in the first round, Roberto Chiarucci winning by foul over Musangu Ngeleka.

Featherweight Michele Casoria won a six-round decision over Paziente Adobati.
(6-5-87)

▶**NOUVENIA**—Junior middleweight Antonio Giaciglio scored a six-round verdict over Sid Conteh.
(6-6-87)

▶**BOSCO TRE CASE**—Featherweight Carlo Quintano decisioned Juan Muriel over eight.

Featherweight Prisco Visconte knocked out Luigi Juliano in one.

Renato Biagio Zurlo posted a six-round decision over Piero Spadaccini.
(6-12-87)

▶**FORT VILLAGE**—Mauricio Stecca, 127½, won a 10-round decision over Francisco Arreola, 123¾.

Elfisio Galici, 150¾, knocked out Kenneth Releford, 151½, in the first.

Gianni Di Napoli, 128¼, stopped Jellel Mastouri, 126, in two.

Bruno Demontis, 140, won a six-round decision over Bruno Simili, 140¾.

Paolo Tocco, 157½, scored a four-round duke over Angelo Fenu, 154¼.
(6-12-87)

▶**LIDO DI CAMAIORE**—Guido Trane won in the seventh round of a bout for the Italian heavyweight title when Stefano Vassallo was cut and unable to continue.

Cruiserweight Angelo Musone scored an eight-round decision over Peter Mulindwa Kozza.

Light heavyweight Marco Rinaldo decisioned Ndomingiedi Lusikina over six.

Lightweights Francesco Mascaro and Mwilambwe Tshikala fought to a six-round draw.
(6-17-87)

▶**SPOLETO**—Light heavyweight Noe Cruciani scored a seven-round TKO over Jorge Salgado.

Light heavyweight Paul Muyodi knocked out Oscar Mario Melo in two.

Another light heavyweight scrap had Alfredo Cacciatore knocking out Abdel Moumene in four.

Welterweight Giuseppe Mercuri stopped Gianfranco Bronco on cuts in the first.

Junior welterweight Rosario Casartelli TKO'd Teodoro Rosina in two.
(6-21-87)

▶**SAN NICOLA LA STRADA**—Salvatore Nardino, 139¾, won a 12-round decision over Francesco Perezioso, 140, for the Italian junior welterweight championship.

Lightweight Paziente Adobati TKO'd Angelo Quintavalle in three.

Featherweight Freddy Cruz won a six-round decision over Ley Umba Sengy.

Junior middleweight Giovanni DeMarco decisioned Inino Wa Tonino Bolamba over eight.
(6-28-87)

▶**ABBIATEGRASSO**—Franco Cherci, 116, knocked out Siid Mohamed, 118, in five.

Stefano Cassi, 133½, scored a four-round TKO over the cut Fathi Kaabi, 138.

Angelo Sassu, 130½, decisioned Andres Blanco, 131, over six.
(6-29-87)

SWITZERLAND

▶**GENEVE**—Mauro Martelli won a 12-round decision over Alfonso Redondo for the European welterweight championship.

Junior middleweight Antoine Fernandez scored an eight-round decision over Luciano Navarra.

Bantamweight Ali Benjedou won an eight-round decision over Agapito Gomez.
(6-25-87)

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**WEMBLEY—Arena**—In the biggest upset in a long time, Italian based Herol Graham, 159, lost his European middleweight title and his world status to African Sambu Kalambay, 157¼. The points verdict after 12 rounds was unanimous. Judge Henk Aadriana (Holland) scored it 116-115, judge Juan Garcia Serrano (Spain), 116-113, and referee Luis Michael (France), 116-114.

So what happened? Various explanations were put forward. It was Herol's first fight without former manager-trainer Brendan Ingle in his corner since Herol was 18 years old. Now manager Barney Eastwood had engaged new trainers from Panama. Did these factors affect the result?

Maybe. Maybe not. But the fact is that Graham seemed to forsake his normal style and instead of dominating the fight with his speed and skill preferred to come forward throwing punches which suited Kalambay down to the ground. The African, too, was a clever boxer and a good counterpuncher.

Graham had his moments. In Round Three he got home with a right hook that stopped his opponent in his tracks, but Herol was over-eager in his follow-up and Kalambay survived.

Both had eye injuries, Kalambay by the right eye, Graham a swelling by the left, both in Round Nine. Noted for his efficient defense, Graham was caught by more punches than usual and as round succeeded round he did not seem able to correct this fault.

Nevertheless, Graham was always in the fight in spite of being shaken by head punches in the fourth, sixth and seventh. It was just a question of whether he could put matters right with a strong finish, but alas this didn't happen.

The 12th and final round was a disaster for Graham. He was now cut by the right eye and shaken by a right hand, so much that he had to hold on to the ropes to save himself going down. The referee gave him a standing count, then Kalambay was on him again, but the African was far too impetuous and somehow Graham held on courageously until the final bell.

A severe setback, and it will doubtless mean back to the drawing-board for him. But he's good enough and clever enough to get back his world rating once he has reverted to the style that brought him to this fight with an unbeaten record after nearly nine years as a professional.

Horace Notice, Birmingham, 209, successfully defended his British and Commonwealth heavyweight titles by stopping Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 219½, referee John Coyle intervening at 2:45 of Round Five in a scheduled 12. Garside was down in Round One and after that was under continuous pressure.

British welterweight champion Kirkland Laing stopped American Marvin McDowell, referee Coyle calling a halt at 1.43 of the opening round in a scheduled eight after McDowell had been floored.

Gary Mason, 241½, brushed aside another import in Bill "Moose" Thomas, 229, referee Sid Nathan stopping this one-sided bout at 0.25 of Round Two after Thomas had been down in the opening session and was under pressure.

Chris Pyatt, 156, stopped another American, Sammy Floyd, 157½, referee Nathan intervening at 2.11 of Round Two in a scheduled eight with Floyd under pressure.

Ian Chantler, 154½, St. Helens, beat Mick Courtney, 155¼, who retired at the end of Round Five in a scheduled eight with double vision.
(5-26-87)

▶**CUMBERNAULD—Tryst Sports Centre**—Pat Clinton, 114, Croy, made it 11 in a row by knocking out sub Miguel Pequeno, 117, Mexico, at 1.54 of Round Four with a left hook. The Mexicano was also down in Round Two. Referee Len Mullen.

Tommy Shiels, 152, Kilburn, stopped Johnny Nanton, 154, Walworth, referee Billy Rafferty intervening at 0.45 of the opening round in a scheduled six after Nanton had been floored twice.

Carl Parry, 123, Swansea, stopped Charlie Brown, 123, Glasgow, referee Rafferty calling a halt at 1.33 of Round Four in a scheduled six with Brown under pressure.

Scottish welter champion Gary Jacobs, 148, confirmed a previous win by stopping Gary Williams, 147, Doncaster, referee Mullen intervening at 1.46 of Round Three in a scheduled eight with Williams under pressure.

Floyd Havard, 130, Swansea, continued his winning way by beating Kid Sumaila, 132, Ghana, who retired at the end of Round Two after he had been under pressure.

Jamie McBride, 122, Glasgow, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, 126, Hull, referee Mullen scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.
(5-19-87)

▶**PETERLEE—Leisure Centre**—Noel Quarless, 213½, Hartlepool, outpointed Andrew Gerrard, Wales, 215, referee Arnold Bryson scoring it 79½-78 after eight.

John Townsley, 137, Kirkcaldy, outpointed Billy Smith, 137, Newcastle, referee Bryson casting it a narrow 79-78½ after eight twos.

Neil Patterson, 152, Darlington, stopped Mike MacKenzie, 153½, Perth, referee Gerald Watson intervening at 0.55 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos after MacKenzie had been down four times.

Harry Escott, 130, Sunderland, stopped Adrian Staples, 126, Wales, referee Watson calling a halt at 1:02 of the opening round after Staples had been floored.

Debutant David Maw, 143½, Sunderland, didn't lose a round in outpointing Kevin Plant, 140½, Doncaster, referee Watson scoring it 60-58 after six twos.
(5-22-87)

▶**NEWCASTLE—Mayfair**—Billy Hardy, new British bantamweight champion, stopped Rocky Lawlor, Midlands Area title holder, referee Fred Potter intervening in Round Seven at 2.36 in a scheduled eight when Lawlor was cut by the left eye after a clash of heads. The injury needed six stitches. Both were inside the stipulated 119 in this non-title affair. When they met 12 months previously, Hardy won on points.

Paul Lister, 208, Newcastle, outpointed Welsh champion Chris Jacobs, 224, referee Arnold Bryson scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

Harry Escott, 131, Sunderland, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Alvin Finch, 135, Kendal, referee Bryson casting it 40-38, indicating that Escott had won all four two-minute rounds. Nobbins were thrown by appreciative fans.

Jimmy Lee, 126, Blackburn, beat debutant Graham O'Malley, 126, Middlesbrough, who retired at the end of Round Five in a scheduled six with a cut by the left eye. Pity, for O'Malley floored his man twice. Referee Arnold Bryson.

Debutant Gary Chadwick, 130, Leeds, stopped By Zubair, 124, Nelson, referee Potter intervening at 0.45 of Round Four with Zubair under pressure.
(4-23-87)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Peter Eubanks, 142, Brighton, outpointed Stanley Jones, 140, Swansea, referee Len Mullen calling it a narrow 79-78½ after eight. Jones was down briefly in Round Two.

Ossie Maddox, 148, Manchester, stopped Owen Smith, 148, Edinburgh, the referee intervening at 1.26 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Smith had been down.

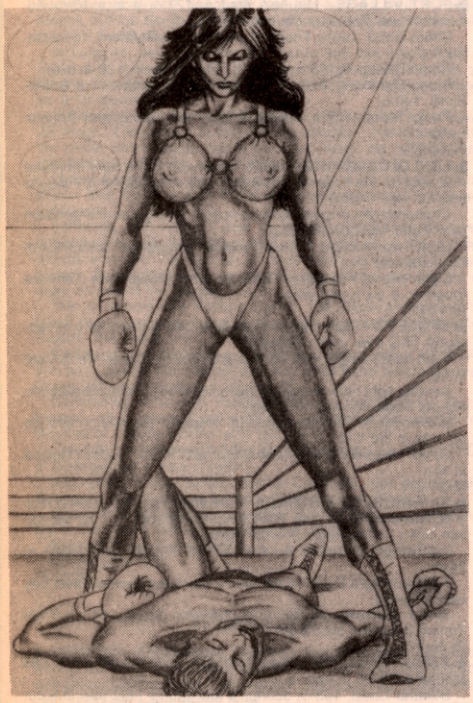
Dave Heaver, 151, Doncaster, kayoed Kevin Hughes, 153, Glasgow, at 0.57 of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos.
(4-27-87)

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Johnny Andrews, 154, Bow, stopped Charlie Watson, 152½, Bradford, referee Dave Parris intervening in 78 seconds of the first round in a scheduled eight when Watson wobbled after taking a right hand. It was Andrews' second successive one-round victory.

Mark Reefer, 136½, Bethnal Green, stopped Peter Crook, 137, Chorley, referee Parris calling a halt at 0.42 of Round Two in a scheduled eight after Crook had been floored by a left hook.

Brian Nickels, 135¾, Kilburn, outpointed Tim O'Keefe, 135½, Dagenham, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 80-77½ after eight twos, indicated that Nickels hadn't lost a round.

Billy Ruzgar, 127, Hackney, made it three quick wins in a row by stopping Roy Williams, 125, Merthyr, referee Parris interven-



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ing at 1.34 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos after Williams had been decked by a left hook.

Roy Callaghan, 148½, St. Pancras, stopped Mark Purcell, 145, Gloucester, referee Sower calling a halt at 0.20 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos when Purcell was cut by the left eye.

Andy Furlong, 136½, Fulham, outpointed Andrew Prescot, 139, Wandsworth, referee Parris scoring it 79½-78 after eight twos.

Billy Sim, 177¾, Dagenham, overcame the handicap of cuts by both eyes to stop Andy Balfe, 177, referee Sower intervening at 1.47 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Balfe under pressure. Both were down briefly, Sim in Round One and Balfe in Round Two. A real crowd-pleaser while it lasted.

Paul Burke, 136, Preston, outpointed Paul Gadney, 135¾, referee Sower casting it 59-58 after six twos.
(4-30-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—Ritz**—Carl Crook, 137¾, Chorley, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing George Baigrie, 138, Edinburgh, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 80-76 after eight, indicating that Crook had won every round.

Derek Wormold, 156, Rochdale, stopped Johnny Stone, 156, Gloucester, referee Hogg calling a halt at 2.50 of the opening round in a scheduled six after Stone had been down.

John Green, 120, Manchester, stopped Chris Clarkson, 122, Hull, referee Hogg intervening at 1.53 of Round Six in a scheduled eight twos after Clarkson had been floored by a left hook.

Steve Foster, 159, Salford, stopped Cyril Jackson, 166, Cardiff, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 1:32 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight twos when Jackson was cut by the left eye.

Ray Golding, 147, Alfreton, stopped John Best, Manchester, 144, who was retired by his corner at the end of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos when Best was cut by the left eye.

Seamus Casey, 164, Alfreton, drew with Sean Leighton, 158¾, Chorley, over eight twos. Referee Cowsill.

Slugger O'Toole, 165¾, Sheffield, stopped debutant Nick Gyaamie, 165, Manchester, referee Cowsill stopping in at 1.47 of Round Two in a scheduled four twos with Gyaamie under pressure.
(4-28-87)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Tony Richards, 140, Nottingham, stopped Gary Champion, 144, St. Ives, referee Paul Thomas (who handled all bouts) calling a halt at 1.40 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight after Champion had been down twice.

Debutant Crawford Ashley (real name Gary Crawford), Leeds, stopped Lee Woolis, 170, Alfreton, referee Thomas intervening at 1.35 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Woolis under pressure.

Ian Bulloch, 181, Alfreton, outpointed Gus Menzies, 184, Birmingham, scoreline 59½-57 after six twos.

Debutant Darren Hobson, 158, Leeds, outpointed Antonio Fernandez, 156, Birmingham, scoreline a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.
(4-29-87)

▶**LOUGHBOROUGH—Town Hall**—Gary King, 125, Luton, stopped Tony Heath, 127½, Loughborough, referee John Keane intervening at 0.45 of Round Five in a scheduled eight after Heath had been decked by a right cross.

Mitchell King, 124, Leicester, outpointed Stuart Fishermac, 125, Luton, referee Larry Thompson casting it 60-57½ after six, indicating that King had not lost a round.

Kevin Plant, 138, Doncaster, stopped Rocky Lester, 137½, Leicester, referee Keane intervening at 1.50 of Round Five in a scheduled six with Lester under pressure.

Mark Watts, 166, Leicester, outpointed Dean Murray, 169, Birmingham, referee Thompson casting it 60-57½ after six.

Paul Wesley, 166, Birmingham, outpointed John Wright, Leicester, referee Thompson scoring it 39½-38½ after four.
(4-29-87)

▶**HALIFAX—North Bridge Leisure Centre**—Brian Schumacher, Liverpool, the Central Area light heavyweight champion, 171, made it nine in a row by outpointing Johnny Nelson, 181, Sheffield, referee Ron Hackett scoring it a narrow 78-77½ after eight. Brian was floored in Round Two by a right hand.

Floyd Havard, 130, made it 12 in a row, the last six inside the distance, by stopping Hector Clottey, 129, Ghana, referee Hackett intervening at 2.23 of Round Five in a scheduled eight with Clottey under pressure. It was the latter's first fight in three years and the first time he had been stopped.

Byron Pullen, 171, Pontypool, easily outpointed Winston Burnett, 171, Cardiff, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Adam Fogerty, 215, won every round in outpointing Gypsy Johnny Fury, 228, Haslingdon, scoreline 40-38 after four. Fury was down twice in his pro debut, but in fairness came in as a substitute.

Nigel Crook, Chorley, outpointed Gordon Stobie, 122, Darlington, referee Garner scoring it 60-57 after six, indicating that Crook had won every round.
(4-28-87)

▶**NEWPORT—Leisure Centre**—Peter Harris, 127, Swansea, stopped Albert Parr, 122½, who came in as a sub, referee Adrian Morgan intervening in Round Three of a scheduled eight after Parr had been down twice.

Andy Gerrard, 220, Risca, outpointed Ian Priest, 215, Alfreton, referee Wynford Jones scoring it 79-77½ after eight.

Neil Haddock, 138, Llanelli, outpointed Carl Merrett, 138, Newport, scoreline 59½-58 after six twos.

Robert Smith, 135, Newport, outpointed Mike Russell, 135, Plymouth, referee Morgan scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

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Rocky Reynolds, 150¼, Swansea, outpointed Kevin Hayde, 148, referee Jibes casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(4-30-87)

▶**WASHINGTON—Miners Welfare Club**—Rudi Valentino, 135, Hackney, outpointed Marvin P. Gray, 136, Stanley, referee Fred Potter scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Neil Patterson, 150, Darlington, didn't lose a round in outpointing John Mullen, 144½, Irvine, referee Gerry Watson casting it 60-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Gary Railton, 185, Burnopfield, looked good in stopping Mamdoo N'Diyae, 189, Catford, referee Watson intervening at 0:50 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after N'Diyae had been floored by a left hook.

Harry Escott, 132, Sunderland, made it four in a row by stopping Craig Windsor, 132, Glasgow, referee Potter calling a halt at 1:05 of Round Three when Windsor was cut by the left eye.

Down in Round One, Paul Kennedy, 133, got up to outpoint B.F. Williams, 135½, Watford, referee Watson casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(4-30-87)

▶**LONDON—Latchmere Leisure Centre**—Inactive for 15 months, Dean Scarfe, 156, Hackney, outpointed Andy Till, 155, Northolt, referee Mike Jacobs, scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Paul Smith, 163, Sheffield, outpointed Mickey Ould, 165¼, Bermondsey, referee Jacobs casting it 59½-58 after six twos. Ould was down twice, but showed great determination in contesting every issue, and enthusiastic fans threw in nobbins afterward.

After a period of inactivity Gary Nickels, 128½, Paddington, beat Steve Pollard, 129½, Hull, referee Reg Thompson intervening at 1.50 of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos when Pollard sustained an eye injury after a clash of heads.

Tony Graham, 132½, Kilburn, outpointed David Hughes, 135, Sheffield, referee Thompson casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Johnny Good, 124¼, Croydon, drew with Graham Clarke, 124½, Cardiff, returning after a short layoff, over six twos.

Nicky Thorne 166½, Plumstead, outpointed Tommy Becket, 165, Balham, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos. Becket was down in Round Four.
(4-30-87)

▶**LONDON—Latchmere Leisure Centre**—Tee Jay (real name Taju Akay), Ghanaborn and Clapham-based, 187, won the British cruiserweight title in only his seventh pro fight, and in one of the quickest times ever recorded, by stopping champion Roy Smith, 188¾, referee John Coyle not bothering to take up the count after Smith had been floored for the fourth time. The whole thing took just 90 seconds.

George Collins, 149½, Yateley, made it 22 in a row by stopping Tony Brown, 150¾, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 2.40 of Round Five with Brown under pressure. It was a scheduled 10.

Nigel Benn, 169¾, West Ham, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Winston Burnett, 172, Cardiff, referee Nathan intervening at 0.45 of Round Four scheduled eight with Burnett under pressure.

Sean Murphy, 122, St. Albans, stopped Derek Amory, 122¾, Birmingham, referee Reg Thompson calling a halt at 1.20 of Round Two in a scheduled six after Amory had been down from a left hook.

Johnny B. Good, 124½, Croydon, outpointed Carl Parry, 124, Wales, referee Thompson scoring it 60-57 after six twos, indicating Good won every round.

Tony Breen, 142½, outpointed Shayne Traylen, 145, Aldershot, referee Thompson casting it 59½-58 after six twos.
(5-9-87)

▶**HASTINGS—Falaise Hall**—Gerry Finn, 160, Paddington, outpointed Barry Bennett, 160, Aylesbury, referee Jack Snipe scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Debutant Leigh Wicks, 156, Brighton, narrowly outpointed Fidel O'Toole, 156, Sheffield, referee Snipe casting it 59½-59 after six.

Only two bouts on this Dinner Show, part of the 1066 Sporting Club program organized by Dave Harris.
(4-29-87)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Mike Harris, 153½, Swansea, outpointed former British welterweight champion Kostas Petrou, 151, Birmingham, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

Alex Mellen, 164, Scotland, outpointed Peter Brown, 168, Bradford, referee Jim Pridding casting it a narrow 79-78½ after eight twos. Many fans indicated they disagreed with the verdict.

Referee Pridding again came under fire when he awarded Dave Haggarty, Paisley, 142, a points verdict over Paul McKenzie, Peckham, 140¾, scoreline 79-78½ after eight.

Gary Somerville, 143, Birmingham, stopped Ronnie Campbell, 141, Dudley, referee Thomas intervening at 1.45 of Round Three of a scheduled eight twos after Campbell had been down from a right hook.

Serg Fame, 174, Paddington, narrowly outpointed Ray Thomas, 175, Kirkby, referee Pridding casting it 59½-59 after six twos.

Simon Hunter, 139¾, Bradford, outpointed Jim Moffat, 137½, Irvine, referee Thomas casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(5-5-87)

▶**PETERBOROUGH—Wirrina Stadium**—Gary De Roux, 127, Peterborough, outpointed Nigel Senior, 128, Nottingham, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Ian Honeywood, 133, Huntingdon, outpointed Billy Smith, 135, Newcastle, referee Nick White casting it 60-57½ after six, indicating that Honeywood hadn't lost a round.

Dave Pierre, 140, Peterborough, stopped Peter Bowen, 143, Wednesbury, referee O'Connell intervening in Round Two of a scheduled six twos when Bowen had been down from a right cross.

Nigel Fairbairn, 159½, Peterborough, kayoed Mark Hill, 161, Wednesbury, at 1.54 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos with a right hand. Ref O'Connell.

Pat Barrett, 138½, Manchester, stopped Gary Barron, 137, Peterborough, referee White calling a halt at 1.39 of the sixth and final round after Barron had been down. Barrett was making his debut.

Tony Lawrence, 165, Kings Lynn, kayoed Ronnie Fraser, 168, Birmingham, at 1.12 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos with a right cross. Referee Nick White.
(5-1-87)

▶**LIVINGSTONE—Forum Arena**—Alex Dickson, 135½, Larkhall, made it 13 in a row by easily outpointing sub Fernando Blanco, 137, Belgium-based but born in Spain, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 100-95½, after 10, indicating that Dickson had not lost a round.

Ian McLeod, 134, Livingston, outpointed Andy Williams, 133½, Welsh title holder, in an official eliminator for the British lightweight title, referee Nathan casting it 99½-96 after 10. Williams was down in Round Three.

Peter Bradley, 131½, Glasgow, stopped Dean Bramhald, 137, Doncaster, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1.58 of Round Four in a scheduled eight twos after Bramhald had been down and was cut by the left eye.

Joe Kelly, 114¼, Glasgow, didn't lose a round in outpointing Ronnie Stephenson, 120, Doncaster, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 80-77½ after eight twos.

Tommy McCallum, 147, outpointed Gary Williams, 146, Doncaster, referee Rafferty casting it 59½-58½ after six.

John Mullen, 147, Irvine, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Heaver, 148, Doncaster, referee Mullen's card showing 60-58 after six twos.
(5-6-87)

▶**LONDON—Royal Lancaster Hotel**—Johnny Melfah, 160½, Gloucester, kayoed Alan Baptiste, 162, Luton, at 1.59 of the opening round in a scheduled eight with a right to the jaw.

In a battle of debutants, Pat Maher, 117, Hackney, outpointed David Jones, 119¾, Port Talbot, referee Jack Snipe casting it 59-58 after six twos.

Linton Scarlett, 151, Birmingham, outpointed Dusty Miller, 146, Hackney, referee Snipe casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Simon Paul, 150½, Hackney, outpointed Tony Britland, 145½, Barmouth, referee Snipe's card showing a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Gary King, 128, Burnt Oak, outpointed John Devine, 127, Camden Town, referee Dave Parris scoring it 59½-58½ after six.
(5-7-87)

▶**LEEDS—Armley Sports Centre**—American Jesse Shelby, 179, stopped Tony Wilson, 176, Wolverhampton, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 1.44 of Round Two in a scheduled 10 with Wilson under pressure. Wilson was down in Round One.

Keith Ferdinand, 220, Bedworth, made it eight in a row by narrowly outpointing Alfonso Forbes, 203, Birmingham, referee Vann scoring it 79-78½ after eight twos.

Denys Cronin, 165, Caerphilly, stopped Billy Ahearne, 165, Manchester, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 0.50 of Round Two in a scheduled eight with Ahearne under pressure.

After two years' inactivity, Paul Mitchell, 162, Leeds, stopped Taffy Morris, 165½, Darlington, who had been out of the ring for a year, referee Cowsill calling a halt at 0.46 of Round Three with Morris under pressure.

Dave Owens, 174, Castleford, outpointed Seamus Casey, 163, scoreline 59½-58½ after six.
(5-5-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Slugger O'Toole, 161, Sheffield, boxed over eight rounds for the first time and didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Foster, 160¾, Salford, referee Harry Warner scoring it 80-77 after eight.

Inactive for a year, Ray Taylor, 137, Great Harwood, outpointed David Hughes, 138, Rotherham, referee Ron Hackett casting it 59½-58 after six.

Debutant Thomas McCarthy, 130, Manchester, outpointed Jimmy Lee, 126, Blackburn, referee Warner scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Robert Newbiggin, 135, outpointed debutant Bobby Bowler, 134½, Manchester, referee Warner's card showing 59-58 after six.

▶**ALFRETON—Leisure Centre**—Former British light welterweight champion Tony McKenzie, 142½, stopped David Griffiths, 138¼, Cardiff, referee John Coyle intervening at 0.29 of Round Three after Griffths had been floored by a right hook to the chin.

Najib Daho, 135½, British super featherweight champion, returned after six months' inactivity, stopping Mark Pearce, 130, Cardiff, referee Coyle calling a halt at 2.20 of Round Two in a scheduled eight after Pearce had been floored.

Tony Ekubia, 143¾, Manchester, outpointed Jimmy Thornton, 149, Sheffield, referee Larry Thompson scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Dave Kettlewell, Leeds, outpointed David Bacon, 143½, Chesterfield, referee Thompson scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

Jason Baster, 164, Leicester, outpointed Seamus Casey, 162, Alfreton, referee Thompson's card showing 59½-58 after six.

Ray Golding, 146, Alfreton, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Ian Murray, 149, Birmingham, referee Thompson casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six.
(5-12-87)

▶**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Joe Kelly, 116, Glasgow, didn't lose a round in outpointing Central Area bantam champion Gerry McBride, 119, referee Billy Rafferty scoring 80-78 after eight.

Doug Young, 195, Jedburgh, looked in trouble for the first two rounds, but recovered well to stop Zambian Chappie Mumba, 189, referee Arnold Bryson intervening at 1.20 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos after Mamba had been down twice.

Blackflash Barratt, Ghana-born and Manchester-based, 140, stopped Jim Moffat, 138, Irvine, referee Rafferty calling a halt at the end of Round One in a scheduled six twos with Moffat cut by the left eye.

Paul McKenzie, 147, London, stopped George Baigrie, 138, Edinburgh, referee Bryson intervening at 2.32 of Round Five in a scheduled eight with Baigrie under pressure and cut by the right eye.

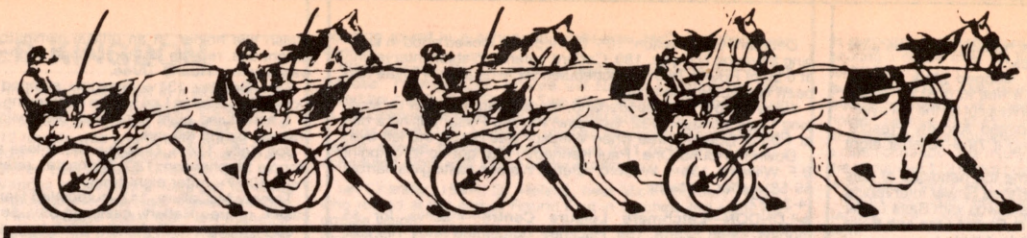
In a clash of debutants, Gordon Shaw, 116½, outpointed Tony Smith, 115¾, referee Rafferty casting it 59½-58 over six twos. A good fight to watch.
(5-18-87)

▶**JARROW—Ellison Social Club**—Gary Railton, 184, Burnopfield, narrowly outpointed Steve Osborne, 181, Nottingham, referee Gerald Watson scoring it 59½-59 after six twos.

Paul Deans, 148¾, Jarrow, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Kettlewell, 149, referee Fred Potter casting it 60-57½ after six twos.

Marvin P. Gray, 135, Stanley, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Carl Gaynor, 128, Manchester, referee Watson's card showing 60-58 after six twos.

Paul Kennedy, 136, Consett, stopped Rob Newbiggin, 140, referee Potter intervening in Round Three of a scheduled six twos after Rob had been down.



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Tony Hallett, 215, Newcastle, stopped Steve Black 210, referee Watson calling a halt at 1.01 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos after Black had been down twice.
(5-28-87)

▶**OLDHAM—Sports Centre**—British super featherweight champion Najib Daho stopped Les Walsh, Manchester, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 1:21 of Round Four with Walsh having teeth embedded in his bottom lip. Both were inside the stipulated weight in this non-title scheduled 10-rounder.

Kevin Taylor, 127½, Rochdale, kept his Central Area super featherweight title by narrowly outpointing Russ Davison, 126, Salford, referee Hackett scoring it 98½-98 after 10.

Joey Jacobs, 134, Manchester, outpointed Neil Haddock, 133, Llanelli, referee Phil Cowsill casting it 79-78 after eight.

Debutant Ted Kershaw, 152¾, Manchester, outpointed Ian Kid Murray, 153, Birmingham, over six, referee Cowsill scoring it 60-57½.

John Green, 119, Manchester, outpointed Des Gargano, 121, scoreline 59½-58½ after six.
(5-26-87)

▶**PLYMOUTH—Fiesta Suite**—Dennis Sullivan, 147, Plymouth, stopped Gary Cass, 145¾, Swindon, referee Denzil Lewis intervening at 1.40 of Round Six in a scheduled eight twos after Cass had been down three times.

Debutant Terry Vosper, 152½, Plymouth, stopped Eddie Collins, Peterborough, 154, referee Lewis calling a halt in Round Three after Collins had been floored twice.

Paul McCarthy, 163, Southampton, stopped Neil Simpson, 160¾, Plymouth, in 0.43 of the opening round.

Ian Honeywood, 133, Huntingdon, stopped Jess Rumdan, 130½, Plymouth, who retired at the end of Round Three with an injured right hand. Honeywood had been down just before the bell.
(5-26-87)

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▶**MARRARA—International Indoor Sports Stadium**—Local John Siriotis, 152¼, was crowned Australian and Australasian junior middleweight champion following the announcement that he won on points over defending champion Steve Renwick, 154.

But the announcement was incorrect. The announcer had misread the card of judge Alex Ross, so I pointed out to the announcer that Renwick had won a split decision and the correct result was announced.

Siriotis had been "champion" for about 30 seconds. It was heartbreaking for him, not only because he failed to realize his ambition and was wrongly crowned but because he promoted the program, paid all the bills, lost money and fought for no pay.

It was a very good battle, Renwick the boxer, Siriotis the fighter. Renwick got away to a clear lead, but Siriotis all but caught up. Ross carded 117-114 for Renwick, I scored 117-116 for Renwick and Colin Mellon carded 117-115 Siriotis.

For some reason, the announcer did not do the orthodox announcement, listing the scores of the judges before giving the final result. Instead, he announced, "Winner from the blue corner, John Sioriotis." Referee Noel Ross duly raised Siriotis' hand while I walked around the ring to see the scores. The announcer handed me the card of Alex Ross. It was clear enough, so I said, "You made a mistake. Ross carded for Renwick, I carded for Renwick, so Renwick won."

It's hard to tell how the mistake was made. The scoring and the winner's name written at the bottom were plain enough.

Renwick offered Siriotis a return fight. It will take place in about 10 weeks, but this time Siriotis will not be the promoter. He is a gentleman as is Renwick, and it was a clean fight all the way, but the fans of Siriotis went wild with anger when the decision was announced.

Over 10 rounds, Graeme Looker, 152¼, outpointed fellow Queenslander Ronald Doo, 152, by uanimous decision in a good fast contest. Ray Mitchell, referee.

In another 10, Mick Doherty, 143, won the vacant Northern Territory junior middle title with a clear points win over Shane Dalton, 152½. This title did belong to Siriotis, but he relinquished it so that these two lads could fight for it. Alex Ross refereed.

Over six rounds, Ross Siriotis, 163¼, outpointed Ronald Waldock, 156½, in a hard fight. Colin Mellon refereed.
(7-3-87)

▶**CRONULLA—Labor & Workingmen't Club**—John Bogolin, 166, held his NSW state junior light heavyweight title and won the vacant South Pacific crown with an eight-round KO of Joe Lutui, 168.

It was a good fight, scheduled for 10 rounds, that drew a shower of money, but the southpaw Bogolin was too good and referee John Cauchi counted out Lutui.

Roger Henry, 140, KO'd Terry Roberts, 143, in Round Five of an eight that was good while it lasted. Referee Cauchi counted out Roberts.

Bob Mirovic, 215, stopped Sam Kuruktoga, 199½, on cuts in the third of a scheduled four.

Hector Cheetham, 134, outpointed Jimmy Henry, 133½, in four.
(5-15-87)

▶**MT PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Charlie Lewis, 140, outpointed Paul Delosa, 141¼, over 10 rounds in the main event. It was a clear-cut and unanimous verdict after an ordinary contest. Billy Males refereed.

Les Mathers, 154, drew with Darwin North, 154¼, in a good, eight-round fight that saw the decision split three ways.

Dino Billinghurst, 154¼, halted Robbie Newton, 149¾, in Round Five of a scheduled six. Newton's corner withdrawing him because of a broken nose.

In another scheduled six, Apollo Sweet, 189½, clearly outpointed Andrew Foster, 222¾.

In a scheduled four, Robin Foster, 131¼, stopped Calvin Brown, 133½, in the fourth.

Adam Schachter, 141¾, outpointed Shaun'Parker, 142, over four.
(5-20-87)

▶**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—John Bogolin, who holds the South Pacific cruiser and junior light heavy titles, defended the former against Apollo Sweet over 10 rounds. It was a hard fight, rough at times, with the result being a draw, split three ways.

Bogolin scaled 167¼, Sweet, 184.

Over eight rounds, Charlie Lewis, 142½, outpointed Roger Henry, 138¾, in a hard fight.

Over six, Junior Taupau, 158¾, outpointed Les Mathers, 153¼, in a good fight that drew a shower of coins.

Robin Foster, 132, knocked out Gordon Bowman, 129¼, in the third of a scheduled four.

Vito Gaudiosi, 161¼, outpointed Shane Fleming, 158¾, in four.

Adam Clark, 160, outpointed John Wanless, 162, in four.
(6-12-87)

▶**BLACKTOWN—R.S.L. Club**—Jeff "Hit Man" Harding, 173¾, continued on his merry way with another KO win, this time over Matereti Valu, 164.

The end came in Round Two of a scheduled 10 after Valu had been down in the first and again in the second. John Wright refereed.

Brett Beakin, 152½, outpointed Dino Billinghurst, 156, in a good eight-rounder that saw Beakin dropped in the first.

Disco George, 143¼, knocked out Dave Stevens, 147, in the fifth of a scheduled six.

Alan Whitten, 119, outpointed John Dabbens, 116½, in six.

Darren Mees, 162, knocked out Robbie Ngawaka, 157¾, in two rounds of a scheduled four.

Neil Higgins, 147, knocked out Jimmy Henry, 143, in the third of a slated four.
(6-19-87)

▶**SEVEN HILLS—R.S.L. Club**—Renato Cornett, 133½, continued his unbeaten record with a four-round KO of veteran Steve Assang, 138¼.

Cornett dominated the scheduled 10 until referee Billy Males rescued Assang.

John Dabbene, 109¼, scored a six-round KO over veteran Bobby Williams, 113½, in a scheduled eight. The gutsy Williams rose from a knockdown, but referee Brian McMahon stopped it without further action. Dabbene was ahead all the way.

In another eight, Eric McArdle, 142¼, posted a two-round KO of Jimmy Henry, 141.

A six-rounder saw Roland Stamplair, 163¼, outpoint Billy Barrett, 161. Barrett was billed as "Billy the Kid," though his real name is Pele Peleseuma.
(7-4-87)

VICTORIA

▶**FITZROY—Central Hall**—Craig Trotter, 145½, is a real comer, on his way to a national title. Trotter upended Rocky Pirrottina, 147¾, in Round Two of a scheduled 10.

Not many do that to Rocky, who was on the floor awhile with a broken rib.

Over eight rounds, Tony Marretta, 134½, outpointed Pat Mudford, 134½, by split decision.

Rodney Carr, 174¼, won a two-round KO over Bob Drummond, 183, referee Jim Boland stopping the bout on the second knockdown. The fight was scheduled for six rounds.

A scheduled four had Bruce Gooding, 192, scoring a two-round KO over Joseph Afoa, 183.

Guy Murdoch, 169¾, drew with Mark Bateman, 165½, over four.
(5-17-87)

▶**MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Three 10-rounders comprised the bill, but the total actual time of the program was just 17 minutes and 31 seconds!

World-rated Aussie Lester Ellis, 134½, who held the IBF junior lightweight title at one time and who now is Australian lightweight champion, met Fijian-born New Zealander Babu Gounder, 132¼, and flattened him in Round Two. Malcolm Bulner refereed.

Wilf Gentzen, 145½, of Australia upended New Zealander Paulo Ioelu, 141, in Round One. Chris Anderson was the ref.

Russell Sands, 153¾, halted Sugar Joel Sausaqa, 153¾, in Round Four to make it 3-0 in favor of the Aussies. Jim Boland refereed.

Each bout was billed as for a vacant Australasian title, which means an Australian is supposed to face a New Zealander. But the billings were false. Ellis is Australian champion, but the other winners are not. The opposition does not hold any New Zealand titles. On top of that, Sands had been out of action more than two years following a motor bike accident. Added to that, the Sands-Sausaqa bout was billed for the junior middleweight crown, a title belonging to Steve Renwick.

▶**FITZROY—Central Hall**—Craig Trotter again, this time against veteran Brian Roberts. Billed for 10 rounds, it ended in Round Five with referee Malcolm Bulner counting out Roberts.

Trotter scaled 147¾, Roberts, 143¼.

Tony Marretta, 137¾, outpointed Rodney Bowman, 131¼, in an exciting and fast eight-rounder.

David Bonney, 187¼, knocked out Billy Mitris, 188½, the bout being stopped in the first because of a damaged eye. Mitris had taken a standing count from referee Pauline Steinmann.

Mark Bateman, 168, outpointed Guy Murdoch, 170¾, in a good six-rounder.
(6-28-87)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian junior light heavyweight champion Doug Sam, 174, stopped Emmanuel Otti, 169½, in Round Seven of the 10-round main event.

It was a tough fight, but Otti slowed considerably in Round Six and was pasted in Round Seven until he signaled he had had enough, whereupon referee Alan Moore crowned Sam the winner.

In the 10-round main support, Ronald Doo, 144, outpointed Ken Carter, 142, in a good fight, though Doo was the clear winner.

Stewart Hartley, 152, had a lot of trouble from Dean Amiott, 156, in a slated eight. Hartley was decked in Round One, copped plenty in the next two rounds, then unleashed a big hit in Round Four to deck Amiott. Dean beat the 10 but was gone, so referee Moore stopped it and crowned Hartley.

Russell Finn, 130, outpointed Scott Baker, 130, in six.

Paul Greaves, 170, outpointed Stan Wilshire, 178, in a three-rounder.
(5-25-87)

▶**SURFERS PARADISE—Chevron Hotel**—Two eight-rounders headlined, Neil Garland, 118, easily outpointing veteran Bobby Williams, 117, while Johnny Fooks, 140½, outpointed Jamie Tracey, 141, in a close contest.

Peter Warren, 118, outpointed Kevin Johnson, 118, in six. Warren was New Zealand amateur champion, while Johnson was Australian amateur flyweight champion last year. Each was making his pro debut.

Scott Baker, 135, outpointed Mike Slivka, 139, by unanimous decision over six rounds.

Mark Swain, 131, won a four-round decision over Roy Saunders, 129.

Viv Schwalger, 185, KO'd Greg Denton, 198, the knockout coming with one punch about 20 seconds after the first bell.

Rob Paris, 170, fought a three-round draw with Mark Quelck, 174.
(6-3-87)

▶**ACACIA RIDGE—Hotel**—Mike Slivka, 139½, outpointed Johnny Fooks, 138, in an action main event that drew a shower of coins.

Over eight rounds, Ken Carter, 139, outpointed Percy Israel, 140, by split decision.

Peter Warren, 121, outpointed Scott Baker, 122, in a split decision over six rounds.

Mark Swain, 132, won a four-round decision over Roy Saunders, 128.

In three rounds, Rocky Blundell, 140, outpointed Danny Doyle, 132.

Paul Gleason, 156, scored a two-round KO over Lionel Doyle, 152, in a scheduled three.
(6-22-87)

▶**GATTON—Shire Hall**—Noel Thornberry, 154¼, clearly outpointed Steward Hartley, 150, in the main event eight-rounder.

Michael Hoger, 154½, won a three-round decision over Howard Hartley, 158¾.

Grant Keneally, 144½, decisioned Tony Nolan, 141, over three.

Ross Bracken, 158¾, scored a one-round KO over Randall Hunt, 163¼, in a scheduled three.

Another scheduled three saw Neville Binns, 125¾, post a two-round KO over Colin Palmer, 127¾.

Tom Bracken, 154½, won a three-round decision over Glen Pierpont, 154½.

Kevin Fames, 176½, scored a three-round decision over Jeff Steffens, 180¾.
(7-4-87)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**ROCKINGHAM—Leisure Inn**—Two six-rounders headlined, Colin Capelli, 130, stopping Greg Read, 123½, in the third, while Shane Reilly, 134½, outpointed Tommy Gilmartin, 134½.

Mark Jackson, 229¼, knocked out Bobby Zannon, 194, in the fourth and final round.

Peter Galcowski 158¾, outpointed Tony Rodriguez, 158¼, in four.
(4-30-87)

▶**PERTH—Old Melbourne Hotel**—Three six-rounders plus an exhibition filled the bill.

Brad Mogeridge, 147¾, decisioned Matthew Smith, 145½.

Ken Dixon, 178½, won by three-round KO over Barry Sutton, 185¼.

Shane Reilly, 132¼, decisioned Tommy Gilmartin, 133½.
(5-8-87)

▶**DONGARA—Hotel**—Dean Colbung, 125¾, outpointed Greg Read, 127¾, over six rounds of the main event.

A scheduled four saw Jim Marsden, 156½, score a three-round KO over Peter Lang, 158¾.

Barry Sutton, 189½, knocked out Trevor Young, 178½, in the third of a scheduled four.

Another four had Mark Jackson, 229¼, win by decision over Tyrone Brown, 216.
(5-16-87)

▶**PERTH—Italian Club**—Matthew Smith scored a four-round knockout of Riccardo Monteleone in a bout scheduled for 10 rounds for the Western Australia junior middleweight title. Referee Bill Ivory stopped the contest.

In another 10, Colin Capelli needed just one minute to knock out Dean Colbung for the vacant Western Australia state featherweight title.

Musa Sione of New Zealand won a four-round decision over Lorne Lehman.

Tommy Gilmartin took a four-round verdict from Enrico Mon-

teleone.
Steve Daley decisioned Jimmy Marsden over four.
(6-12-87)

▶**DONGARA—Hotel**—Brad Mogeridge, 145½, outpointed Lorne Lehman, 144½, in the eight-round main event.
Tom Gilmartin, 134½, outpointed Enrico Monteleone, 136¾, over six.
There were no other bouts.
(6-23-87)

▶**ALBANY—Civic Hall**—There was only one bout on this bill as a few fighters got lost!
Tommy Gilmartin, 136¾, outpointed Enrico Monteleone, 136¾, over six rounds, the third decision for Gilmartin over Monteleone in two weeks!
(6-26-87)

▶**NOTES**—Australian Paul Toweel, 155½, outpointed American Harlean Holden, 151½, over 10 rounds in a contest billed for the vacant Pan Pacific middleweight title. It was the first of a series of such bouts, and Toweel won clearly. Holden took a standing eight as the bell terminated the contest.
(5-11-87)

RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

▶**AUCKLAND—Hyatt Kingsgate Centre**—Fiji's Teuane Naea (164½ lbs.) clearly outpointed New Zealand's Graig Parsons (157¼ lbs) over 10 pulsating rounds of box-fighting action. The aggressive and cleaner boxing of Parsons saw him take the opening three stanzas, but Naea himself turned aggressor in the fourth and scored solidly to the head. Both mixed it freely in a crowd-pleasing fifth, but from the sixth onwards Naea found his range with short leads and hooks. Parsons never for a moment gave his opponent a moment's respite throughout. Turning to the southpaw stance in the eighth, Naea completely outboxed his gritty opponent and the Fijian really wrapped up the unanimous points decision over the final two stanzas with good ring movement and straight punching which time and again jolted Parsons' head back. Referee: Johnny Hanks.

Main prelim over six rounds saw a very evenly fought encounter between Luka Joel (184 lbs.) and comebacking Saia Gasio (183½ lbs.). After a feel 'em out opening round it was Gasio who won the second, scoring cleanly with rights to the head. But Joel came right back to him in the third as he scored with southpaw lefts. After an untidy fourth, both contested the fifth furiously with Gasio just earning the judges' split decision with a good sixth round in which he scored with cleaner blows. Referee: Johnny Hanks.

David Ravu Ravu (195 lbs.) produced the punch of the night when he literally kayoed comebacking Little Joe Kai (183½ lbs) at one minute 53 seconds of Round Two. After a quiet opening session, both came out hitting hard in the second. As Kai weaved in under a short left Ravu Ravu caught him on the point of the chin with a right and Kai went flat on his back. Referee Johnny Hanks counted to five, then immeditately called in the ringside doctor to attend the stricken Kai and it was several minutes before he was able to leave the ring.

Alberto Ma Chong (146¼ lbs.) gave away weight in his quest to reverse a previous loss to Penu Rasmussen (159 lbs) in another six-rounder. It was a contest of solid punching and free-hitting exchanges, Ma Chong's body punching and better variety of blows looking to gain him the upper hand in rounds four and five. Rasmussen swung and chased throughout the final frame and at the bell the split points decision was awarded to Rasmussen. Referee Mr. Ali Afakasi.

Toss Lelei at 161½ lbs. gave all physical advantages away to Lebani Yavala, who weighed in at 172 lbs and towered over Lelei and outreached him by about eight inches. But Lelei crowded in unimpressed throughout, and late in the third referee Afakasi put a compulsory standing "eight" count on Yavala. Within seconds of Round Four starting, Yavala took another compulsory standing count and then a stunning right to the head from Lelei sent Yavala into the ropes sagging and the referee declared Lelei TKO victor.
Attendance: 800.
Promoter: A.C. Tiger Promotions.

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ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶**MALANG**—Johannes Matahemual, Indonesian bantamweight champion, 118, kept his national throne by taking a unanimous decision from Rian Toha, also 118, in 12.

Hengky Gun, 128¾, retained his Indonesian junior lightweight title, as he polished off Darso Sugriwo, 128¼, in the opening session in a scheduled 12-rounder.

The first fight of the triple title go saw Ricky Pontoh, 159¼, lose his middleweight crown to Udiana, 159¾, by a unanimous decision in 12.

Preliminaries: Yunas Tiran, 111½, drew with Mulya Gana, 110½, in six.

John Bonex, 134¼, dropped a unanimous nod to Linus Aron, 134, in six.

Nyoman Gana, 115½, won a unanimous decision over Khamid, 115, in six.

Hohn Ireng, 103¾, drew with Johny Pelor, 104½, in six.

Promoter: Tinton Suprapto.
(6-21-87)

▶**JAKARTA**—Little Baguio, the WBC's junior champion in the light flyweight class, from the Philippines, 111¼, engaged in a non-title go and chalked up a TKO over Ippo Gala, a local favorite at 110¾, in the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Indonesian junior welterweight champ Bongguk Kindy, 137¾, successfully kept his title by a unanimous decision over Thomas Americo, 136½, in 12. Americo previously had a crack at Saoul Mamby's WBC super lightweight crown only to lose a 15-round decision on August 29, 1981. Since then, Thomas has kept fighting but his days have seemingly gone.

Preliminaries: Robert Azumah, 144½, unanimously decisioned Mulyanto, 146¾, in eight.

Demi, 108¼, won from Bristol Simangunsong, 107¼, in a unanimous eight.

Minto Hadi, 106¾, took a unanimous nod from Hudi, 103, in eight.

Pipino Sihombing, 119¾, outscored Kace Thomasoa, 122, in six.

Promoter: Rudy Chaeruddin.
(6-29-87)

▶**PEKANBARU, RIAU**—Wongso Indrajit, Indonesian junior bantamweight ruler, kept his national title by winning a unanimous decision over Yossy Amnifu in 12.

In the semifinal, Noce Lukman, a fast-rising prospect, scored a first-round TKO over Refly Suit in a scheduled 10. Lukman had defeated Filipino junior lightweight kingpin Lule Villaverde via a unanimous decision on the undercard of the WBA junior bantamweight title fight, Kaosai Galaxy vs. Elly Pical on February 28 last.

Promoter: Anton Sihotang.
(7-4-87)

▶**LUMAJANG**—Bernadi, 109¼, took a unanimous duke from Joko Kentus, 106½, in six.

Adam Suwadji, 126, was also a unanimous winner over Suroso, 126, in six.

Harno, 134, knocked out Nono Boy, 135, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Herry Ariar, 131¾, outscored Rudy Asbun, 133½, in six.

Minto Hadi, 109¼, decisioned Michael Arthur, 112, in eight.

Sambung, 136¾, unanimously beat Supriyadi, 129¾, on points in eight.

Oladio, 115¼, dropped a unanimous verdict to Pelni Rompies, 114¾, in six.

Promoter: Ny. Insyah Tumanken.
(7-4-87)

▶**GRESIK**—Sakad Petchyndee, the OPBF lightweight champion ranked 13th by the WBC, 135, easily retained his title by demolishing Bisenti Santoso, 134¾, in the first round of a scheduled 12-round title bout.

Sakad, a 30-year-old Muay-Thai (kick-boxing) specialist, scored his second defense since he acquired the vacant OPBF crown via a sixth-round kayo over Aussie Dale Artango October 28 of the previous year. The Thai puncher improved his credentials to 11-1 with eight knockouts.

Indonesian junior featherweight champ Nurhuda, 120, barely kept his title as he was held to a 12-round draw by Monod, 120½, in a close fight.

John Arief, Indonesian mini-flyweight champ, 103½, defeated Nana Suhana, 104, by a unanimous decision to retain his national throne in 12.

Preliminaries: Darta Peter, 117¾, and Monroe, 118, battled to a draw in six.

Wahab Bahari, 104¼, knocked out John Ireng, 102¼, in the first round of a scheduled six.

John Jaya, 133¼, drew with Budi Adiana, 129¼, in six.

Nanggala, 109½, unanimously decisioned Berty Kastanya, 114½, in four.

Brahim, 106, outpointed Gothri, 102½, in the four-round opener.

Promoter: Lukman Hakim.
(7-5-87)

JOE KOIZUMI AND SETYADI LAKSONO

JAPAN

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese bantamweight champ Naoto Takahashi, a 19-year-old bright prospect, 117½, outboxed and overpowered ex-titlist Mitsuo Imazato, also 117½, and flattened him with a beautiful left hook at 1:34 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

It was his first defense since he dethroned Imazato via a fifth-round knockout last February. Naoto, the WBC's 18th-ranked bantamweight, stretched his unblemished log to 12-0 with eight KOs.

Takahashi, a lanky dancer, started with stinging lefts to the shorter ex-champ. Imazato, piloted by ex-world bantam kingpin Fighting Harada, had retained the national throne seven times prior to forfeiting it to the sensational youngster. In the second round, Takahashi caught and dropped him twice with very sharp left hooks. Naoto, in the next session, mixed it up and exploded another short left hook with full leverage. Imazato collapsed so heavily that his head bounced with a thud on the deck. Referee Ken Morita declared a KO without a count.

Imazato, 25, regained conciousness later. He fell to 22-11 with 12 kayoes. It will be fun to see the progress of Naoto in the future. Koshiro Abe, a 76-year-old manager, is gunning for the OPBF bantamweight crown now held by Filipino Ernie Cataluna.

Norikazu Kawana, the Japanese Commission's second-ranked mini-flyweight, 108 scored a shutout decision (80-72 and double 80-73) over Tomoo Matsumoto, also 108, in the semifinal eight. Kawana, 25, is 4-3-1 with a kayo. The loser is 5-3-1 with three KOs.

Promoter: Fighting Harada's Toa Fighting Promotions.
TV: Nippon TV (telecast nationwide).
(6-6-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Naoki Ito, a six-foot junior welterweight ranked second by the JBC, 142½, battered Filipino Mon Desoloc, 144, and pummeled him into submission at 1:23 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Ito made people forget his previous second-round kayo by Eiji Kikuzaki last March. Desoloc hit the deck in Round Two and lost his fighting spirit with the winner's body bombardments in the fatal session.

Ito improved his log to 8-2 with three kayoes. Desoloc impaired to 17-15-5 with four KOs.

Hisao Ishido, 122, eked out a unanimous but hairline decision (double 97-96 and 98-97) over Keiichi Ozaki, 122, in 10. They exchanged hot rallies all the way. Ishido, ex-Novice King tourney winner, is 11-1-1 with six knockouts. Ozaki, a tough guy, is 11-11 with a KO.

Mexican import Dony (Yamashita) Escamilla, 130, liked the lantern jaw of Filipino Rocky Ali Rota, 129½, as he too easily demolished him at 1:51 of the second round in the first tenner. It's the second kayo loss for Rota in as many fights here.

Promoter: World Sports Club Promotions.
(5-18-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Sometimes it might be good that our prospect is licked mercilessly by foreign opposition to realize the bitterness of this sport. Eiji Kikuzaki, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender with a fine log of 15-1-1 (13 KOs), 145½, was beaten to the punch by Jae-Yong Park, 146, and stopped at 1:23 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Jae-Yong, the Korean Commission's second-ranked welterweight, lopsidedly battered him and sent him to the deck with a barrage of punches in the second round. The third saw Kikuzaki take more furious beatings to hit the canvas again with a lethal straight right. A towel was tossed in to save the loser.

It was Jae-Yong's fourth win (with three kayoes) in as many outings here. Moreover, he is not an outstanding 147-pounder in Korea, as he was previously demolished by Yung-Kil Chung, the current OPBF champ, in four rounds in 1984 and failed to win the Korean title.

Kenji Iizumi, Japanese top featherweight contender, 127½, made a fine comeback after his shocking kayo by Mitsuru Sugiya in an eliminator last January, as he floored Yoshiteru Uegaki, 127, five times and finished him at 1:37 of the second round in the semifinal 10.

Iizumi, a sturdy lefty, is 13-2 with 11 knockouts. Uegaki, two years his senior, dropped to 8-4-1 with four KOs.

Keiji Koizumi, a busy southpaw, 129, was awarded a TKO win over Hidenori Shibata, the JBC's third-ranked junior lightie, 130, at the end of the third round in a scheduled right.

Koizumi (no relation to this reporter) is 9-4-1 with four KOs. Shibata fell to 6-2 with five kayoes.

Promoter: Soka Arisawa Promotions.
(5-20-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Testsumi (Takeshita) Matsushima, the JBC's sixth-ranked flyweight, 112, was luckily

awarded a TKO win instead of a TKO defeat at 2:55 of the seventh round as he was declared unfit to continue due to his bad bleeding in his gory affair with Missile Kudo, 110¼, in a scheduled 10.

The JBC's rules stipulate that an accidental butt and a stoppage there-from should decide the winner by a technical decision, only if the fight is stopped at the first butt and the fight is past half of the scheduled distance.

Matsushima, former Japanese junior flyweight champ, began to bleed in Round Five. When the fight was continued after the accidental collision of heads, the JBC's technical decision rule couldn't be applied to this affair. Despite winning on points, Matsushima was streaming too much blood. And, surprisingly, the referee took a technical decision. Scoring until the end of the sixth: double 60-57 and 60-56 for the extitlist. Matsushima, 25, is 13-4-1 with 10 kayoes. It might be strange that such a stoppage is added to his record as a TKO due to the JBC's rules. Kudo, ranked third in the mini-flyweight class, proved too short and small for the heavy favorite. Missile, 27, fell to 10-9-2 with three KOs.

Hitoshi Kamiyama, the JBC's sixth-ranked welterweight, 146, won a unanimous decision over Tadafumi Miura, 145, in eight.

Promoter: Ishikawa Promotions.

(5-21-87)

▶**MORIGUCHI—Moriguchi City Gymnasium**—In the semi final, of the Park-Muguruma championship card lanky Akio Kawamata, 112, outpunched Tomoyuki Morimoto, 110¾, winning a unanimous decision in eight. Kawamata is 12-1 with three kayoes, but he lacks convincing power.

Kaneto Kimura, 134, landed a vicious right hook and finished Koji Kitamura, 133¾, at 1:50 of the second round in a scheduled eight. The winner is 8-6 with three KOs.

Promoter: Osaka Teiken Promotions.

(5-24-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korukuen Hall**—People described their first encounter as a fluke, but a rematch took place and Fusao Imai, the new Japanese junior lightweight titlist, 130, again scored an upset decision over hard-punching ex-champ Tiger Michigami, also 130, in 10.

Imai, an underdog again, showed his best in the third when he threw a well-timed countering right and dropped the vaunted tough guy Tiger for the compulsory eight count. Imai managed to outbox and outleg the slower Michigami throughout the fight.

Scoring: referee Shimakawa 99-95, judge Tezaki 99-94 and judge Kanaya 100-92, all for Imai.

Fusao, the sole boy that has beaten the current WBC super lightweight champ Tsuyoshi Hamada in 1979, might be good at winning by a fluke. He is 15-10-2 with seven kayoes. Michigami, a short swinger, is 16-7 including 14 knockouts.

The semifinal 10 saw Shunichi Nakajima, the JBC's top junior bantamweight contender, 114, prove too much for Makoto Sawamura, also 114, at 2:53 of the fifth round.

Nakajima, a tricky puncher, is 10-3 with six kayoes. He will be good opposition against the new Japanese junior bantam kingpin Kiyoshi Hatanaka, the WBC's 15th-ranked 115-pounder. Sawamura, the JBC's ninth-ranked flyweight, showed his vulnerability and fell to 6-9-2 with six KOs.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions.

(5-26-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Very lanky Leopard Tamakuma, the Japanese flyweight champion, 112, responded to the challenge of ex-titlist Koji Nishikawa, 111¾, and pounded out a nearly shutout decision (double 99-94 and 100-94) in 10.

There were no knockdowns, but the Japanese Zapata took the leadoff in every round. The 5'8" southpaw Leopard connected well with short uppercuts to display his versatility at any distance.

Tamakuma, the WBC's 11th-ranked 112-pounder, is 18-3 with five KOs. Nishikawa, also a lefty, impaired to 16-6-1 with six kayoes.

Unbeaten Noboru Ogihara, 126, eked out a hairline majority decision (double 59-58 and 58-58) over veteran switch-hitter Osamu Kazuo, 126, in six. Ogihara, the JBC's ninth-ranked junior feather, is 8-0-1 with three kayoes. Osamu fell to 18-9-2 with 11 KOs.

Hideya Yamashiro, 135, made a tough comeback after an 18-month layoff as he was given a split decision over previously unbeaten Takao Sakuma, also 135, in six. Yamashiro is 9-1 with five kayoes. Sakuma is 8-1 with six KOs.

The six-rounders were competed in the A Class Prize tourney where the JBC's ranked boys fight in quests for the good award and the priorities to face the Japanese Champions—in respective classes.

Promoter: Misako and Kokusai Promotions.

(5-28-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Unbeaten Akinobu Hiranaka, Japanese junior welterweight champ ranked seventh by the WBA, 143¾, was knocked down by a straight right of Filipino Archie Garcia, 143½, in the first round, but fought back hard to halt him at 1:51 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Hiranaka was careless enough in the opening canto, but dropped Garcia with determined combinations in the next round. Hiranaka attacked the bread basket and weakened him effectively. When the Japanese champ caught the tough Filipino in the fatal round, the referee called a halt to save the groggy loser.

Hiranaka, a little overrated by the WBA, is 10-0 with nine KOs. Garcia fell to 9-7-1 with four kayoes.

In the semifinal, Hiroyuki Miyata, 107½, took a close but unanimous decision (97-96, 98-96 and 98-97) over Katsumi Komiyama, 107, in 10. They fought to a controversial draw in Osaka last April, though the crowd there saw Miyata winning by points. The rematch resulted in a closer fight than their first one, but Miyata was obviously taking the edge.

Miyata, a powder-puff punching stylist, is 12-1-2 with five kayoes. Komiyama, a shorter infighter, fell to 8-2-3 with two KOs.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions.

(6-16-87)

▶**NOTES:**—After a long controversy and a purse offer at the WBC's office in Mexico, Tsuyoshi Hamada will defend his WBC super lightweight title against ex-champ Rene Arredondo in Tokyo. It will take place July 22. There were great disputes about some significant sentences in their previous contract. The Japanese party offered $700,000 as the total purses of Hamada and Arredondo, winner over the Mexican party's $510,000. One fourth of the amount of money will be given to the Mexican ex-champ, that is, $175,000 to $525.00 for the Japanese titlist. What a big purse for a 140-pound class title fight! If Hector Camacho comes to Japan to challenge Hamada, how much will he be paid?

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Very surprisingly, Japanese featherweight champ Mitsuru Sugiya, 122, lost a majority, but well-received decision to an unheralded Filipino trialhorse named Lion Ari, 120½, in 10. Even worse, Sugiya lost his national crown because he lost under the featherweight limit. Sugiya, 21-3 with 15 knockouts, intended to move down to the 122-pound class to aim at the world throne. Ari, a baby-faced Filipino, is the son of ex-Orient junior lightweight champ Oscar Reyes. His sharp reflexes prevented Sugiya from landing vaunted solid blows. Lion outboxed and outmaneuvered Sugiya impressively throughout the fight. The Filipino floored the Japanese champ with a well-timed right uppercut in the fifth round, but the referee Uchida called it a slip. Scoring: Uchida 97-96, judge Abe 99-95 and judge Kanaya 98-98 (ridiculous!). *The Ring* saw the onesided affair 98-95 for the Filipino 10th-ranked 122-pounder. Sugiya, the WBC's 23rd featherweight, looked crestfallen with the unexpected defeat. Ari, 21, improved his pro credentials to 13-1 with four kayoes. (His amateur record is reportedly 22-0 with 10 KOs).

Donny (Escamilla) Yamashita, a Mexican import ranked ninth in the junior lightweight class by the JBC, 130, utilized his longer reach and chalked up a TKO win over Eiji Yakushiji, 129¼, at 2:25 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. The kayo win was Donny's sixth in as many victories against four defeats in 10 fights in Japan. Yakushiji, a game puncher, fell to 6-1 with six KOs.

Promoter: World Sports Promotions.

(6-22-87)

▶**MATSUYAMA—Ehime Prefectural Gymnasium**—Fast-rising prospect Kengo Fukuda, 122, halted Filipino victim Julito Odiaman, 118¾, at 0:18 into the third round in a scheduled 10.

Fukuda floored the much smaller opponent with a right just after the bell. The Filipino loser refused to fight in the next round and was counted out by the referee. Fukuda, 18, is 9-1 with eight kayoes. The loser fell to 5-3 with two KOs.

Yosuke Matsuoka, 113½, outscored Yuto Kazaki, 115, in eight. The local favorite Yosuke is 13-3-1 with five kayoes.

Mutsumi Suzuki, 129½, decisioned Ryoma Sakamoto, 130, in six.

Promoter: Misako Promotions.

Attendance: 3,500.

(6-23-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This card featured five six-rounders by the JBC's ranked contenders in the A-Class Prize Tournaments.

Shunichi Nakajima, the Japanese top-ranked junior bantamweight, 112, overpowered previously unbeaten Yasutaka Sakurai, the JBC's fifth-ranked flyweight, also 112, taking a split decision (58-57 and 59-57 for Nakajima and 59-58 for Sakurai) in six. Nakajima, a short swinger, is 11-3 with six KOs.

Eiji Oyama, 134½, previously fought as a junior featherweight, but he returned to ring warefare after a 27-month layoff as a lightweight. Oyama absorbed considerable punishment from his opponent but gave more punches to Tatsuo Tanigami, 135, and took a close but unanimous decision in six. Oyama, a lanky puncher, is 12-3-3 with seven kayoes.

Hiroshi Yamamoto, the JBC's fifth-ranked bantamweight, 118, was known for his durability, but was kayoed by Toshimi Miura, also 118, at 1:16 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Miura, the Japanese #10 bantie, upped his log to 10-3 with eight KOs.

Katsuji Sano, the JBC's second-ranked featherweight, 126, was floored by the overhand right of Masakatsu Sakuma, 125¾, in the second round, but fought back hard to win a unanimous decision (all 58-56) in six.

Sano is 23-9-4 with five kayoes.

Toyokazu Sekito, 118, and Mitsuru Arazaki, 117½, fought to a six-round draw. They entered the seventh round in order to decide one to proceed in the A-Class Prize Tourney, and Sekito flattened Arazaki with a beautiful one-two. (The time wasn't announced by the JBC, as it was registered officially as a draw). Scoring: referee Morita and judge Asao 58-58, and judge Date 59-58 for Arazaki.

Promoter: Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions.

Attendance: 2,400.

(6-25-87)

▶**YOKOHAMA—Yokohama Cultural Gymnasium**—Speedy Kikuchi, 116¾, stopped Akira Sugiyama, 115¾, at 0:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Kikuchi, a local favorite, is 6-2-1 with three kayoes.

Promoter: Eagle Kawai Promotions.

(6-26-87)

▶**NAKATSU—Nakatsu City Workers Athletic Center**—Kazuto Yonemitsu, 122, outscored Kenji Kamisori, also 122, in six.

(6-27-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior featherweight champ Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, a black American working at Misawa Base Camp, 121½, kept his crown as he embalmed Rambo Taira, also 121½, at 2:23 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Mark, the WBC's #21 contender, proved too powerful for Rambo, dropping him thrice before producing a flattened pancake.

Mark, 25, is 12-1 with nine kayoes. Taira, 27, fell to 6-5-3 with six KOs. It was Horikoshi's second defense since acquiring the Japanese diadem by a fifth-round kayo of Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi last January.

Promoter: Teiken Promotions.

Attendance: 1,100.

(7-2-87)

▶**OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium**—Hiroki Ioka, 104¼, became the youngest Japanese champion at the age of 18 years and six months as he outboxed and outpunched Kenji Ono, the defending champ at 105, to win the national mini-flyweight title by a onesided decision.

Scoring: 100-92, 100-94 and 100-96, all for the 5'6½" speedster.

Beyond the question as to whether the 105-pound class is necessary or not (this reporter doubts the need for this class), Ioka beat the previous record of Saburo Otaki's winning the Japanese bantamweight title at 18 years and eight months thirty-one years ago.

Ono, the WBC's #21 light flyweight, was shorter by five inches. He failed to catch the Fancy Dan, being countered and outjabbed continually.

Ioka is 8-0 with five kayoes. Ono impaired to 15-11-4 with five KOs.

Hideaki Kamishiro, the Japanese Commission's fifth-ranked flyweight, 118, stopped Masaki Sono, 116¾, at 1:54 of the fourth round in the semifinal 10. The lefty Kamishiro beat the overmatched rival to the punch. Referee Ryoji Kashiwagi gave a standing count to the gory loser in the fatal round. Sono failed to beat the count with bleeding from cuts over the right eye and in the month.

Hideaki, ranked 12th by the WBC despite his mediocre rating by the JBC, is 7-0 with six KOs.

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions.

Attendance: 6,000.

(7-8-87)

▶**NAGOYA—Tsuyuhashi Sports Center**—Unbeaten prospect Kiyoshi Hatanaka, the WBA's seventh-ranked junior bantamweight, 115, kept his Japanese title as he aggressively attacked Teruaki Miyasato, 114¼, to win a unanimous decision in 10.

The 5'7" Kiyoshi, 19, had to reduce 26 pounds to make the limit, so he couldn't show his previous zip and sharpness despite the onesided proceedings.

Scoring: referee Ito 99-95, judges Kato and Makimura 99-96 and 99-95, respectively, all for the faster champ.

Hatanaka, 13-0 with eight kayoes, had better move up to the bantamweight class in the future. Miyasato fell to 11-5-1 with four KOs.

Lefty puncher Hirohiko Yabuki, 116, disposed of Masakatsu Aikata, 114¾, at 0:48 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Yabuki is 9-3-3 with four knockouts.

Promoter: Matsuda Promotions.

Attendance: 3,500.

(7-10-87) **JOE KOIZUMI**

KOREA

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Unbeaten bullfighter Chul Kwon, the IBF's top featherweight contender, 132¼, displayed his strength in demolishing Kang Choi, the Korean Commission's second-ranked lightweight, also 132¼, at 2:29 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Kwon, a short and stout puncher, stands just 5'4", but he swarmed over the victim and floored him thrice with a barrage of punches. Kwon extended his unbeaten record to 25-0-1 with 17 knockouts. The reason why he has been neglected by the WBA and WBC is that he was suspended several times by the Korean Commission as he often failed to appear in the official weigh-in by not making the contract weight. Despite his fine credentials, Kwon is notorious and less popular among Korean fans. The loser Choi is 12-3-1 with six kayoes.

Woo-Chun Kim, 126¾, became the new Korean featherweight champion as he exploded a vicious right to the jaw of the defending champ Chong-Bae Ahn, 127, and flattened him at 2:04 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. The newly crowned Kim is 9-2-5 with three kayoes. Ahn fell to 10-6 with six KOs.

Promoter: Saeki Promotions.

(5-16-87)

▶**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Tae-Il Chung, a lanky lefty, 114¾, was awarded the vacant IBF junior bantamweight crown

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via a controversial split decision over ex-IBF flyweight boss Soon-Chun Kwon, 114¾, in 15.

Tae-Il is 22-2 with nine kayoes. Kwon, also a lefthander, is 26-5-3 with 17 knockouts.

Sung-Kil Moon, former amateur World Cup champ, 116¾, had his second pro fight and destroyed Thai bantamweight kingpin Singnoi Singkrungthon, also 116¾, at 2:52 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Moon was like a fighting machine that kept punching relentlessly. He overwhelmed the Thai champ with solid punches from all angles. Moon floored him twice in the fatal round. The prospect is 2-0 with as many knockouts. Singnoi is 24-5-1 with 18 knockouts.

Korean welterweight champ Sung-Ho Chang, 146½, barely kept his crown with a draw with Sang-Shik Kim, the top contender, also 146½, in 10. Chang is 9-0-1 with six kayoes. Kim is 9-4-2 with four KOs.

Former OPBF junior featheweight champ Yun-Kap Choi, 127, was held to a draw by Dong-Soo Lim, also 127, in eight.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.

(5-17-87)

▶**OSAN—Osan Arena**—Yong-Kang Kim, Korean junior flyweight champ, 110, ran his unbeaten log to 13-0 with six kayoes by polishing off William Belan, the Filipino top contender, also 110, at 2:54 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Kim, a very talented prospect ranked 16th by the WBC, displayed a one-punch kayo with a wicked right uppercut to Belan. William became a flattened pancake whom the ring physician took care of on the canvas. Belan fell to 13-4 with five kayoes.

People in Korea say that Yong-Kang Kim will be a successor to the current world champions—Jung-Koo Chang and Myung-Woo Yuh.

Ex-OPBF junior bantamweight champ Ki-Chang Kim, 117¼, outboxed and battered Dadoy Andujar, the IBF's third-ranked contender, 116¾, finishing him at 2:11 of the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Kim was stalking the switch-hitting Filipino and dropped him with a flurry of punches in the fatal round. Though standing up, Dadoy absorbed much punishment and suddenly gave up to turn to his corner. The referee called a halt then and there.

Kim is 13-5-4 with eight kayoes. Dadoy impaired to 19-5-1 with nine KOs.

Jung-Woo Park, 122, kept his Korean junior featherweight title by outscoring Kyu-Chan Cho, 121¾, in 10. Park is 15-4-3 with six kayoes. Cho is 18-8-3 with four KOs.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.

(5-30-87)

▶**HONGCHON—Hongchon High School Gymnasium**—Having been dethroned by Filipino Geron Porras last December, ex-OPBF junior lightweight champ Sung-Yun Kim, 135, engaged in a comeback go after a five-month inactivity, but he was surprisingly knocked out by trialhorse Ariel Duran, the Filipino #3 junior lightie, 134½, in 10.

It was a shocking defeat for Sung-Yun, previously rated fifth by the WBA. Kim fell to 25-6 with 12 kayoes. Ariel is 16-3-1 with eight KOs.

Sung-Woo Lee, 104¼, seized the vacant Korean mini-flyweight title by decisioning Soo-Yong Shim, 104¾, in 10. Lee is 7-1-1 with three KOs. Shim fell to 7-2-1 with three kayoes.

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions.

(6-6-87)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Rae-Ki Ahn, the WBC's top-ranked flyweight contender, showed his power punching as he overwhelmed Filipino Tim Balantay, 113½, and flattened him at 1:26 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Ahn dropped the cautious Filipino with a smashing straight right in the third round. He displayed his specialty, a wicked left hook following body punches, in the next round. Tim hit the deck for the count.

Ahn, 22-2-3 with 12 kayoes, is aiming at the WBA title now held by Colombian Fidel Bassa. The Filipino loser is 8-5-6 with three kayoes.

Promoter: Waryong Promotions.

(6-13-87)

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▶**CHUNGJU—Chungju Indoor Gymnasium**—Yung-Kil Chung, the OPBF welterweight champion, 146½, kept his title by outpointing Filipino champ Francisco Ferrer, 145½, in 12. It was Chung's first defense since he dethroned Seung-Soon Lee via an upset decision March 29.

Lee, the WBC's sixth-ranked contender, is 21-3-2 with 13 kayoes. The Filipino impaired to 21-11-5 with seven KOs.

Chong-Soo Yum, 130, became the new Korean junior lightweight champion by stopping Ho-Tae Nam, the top contender, at 0:54 of the fifth round in a 10-round eliminator.

Yum is 7-2-4 with three kayoes. Nam is 8-4-1 with two KOs.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.

(6-13-87)

▶**BUKOK—Bukok Hawaii Hotel**—Kyung-Young Lee, 105, became the first IBF mini-flyweight champ by easily stopping Masaji Kawakami, 104¾, at 0:31 of the second round in a scheduled 15.

Lee is 11-0 with four knockouts. Kawakami fell to 8-2 with six KOs.

Chil-Seung Chun, 135, ex-Olympic bronze medalist, scored an important win over Darryl Tyson, also 135, taking a close decision in 10. Chun took a standing count as he received a well-timed right from Tyson in the third round. Chun, however, retaliated with sharp one-twos in the following rounds. Darryl, who previously decisioned Jimmy Paul, attempted to finish the Korean prospect, but lost his energy as the fight progressed. Chil-Seung dominated the second half convincingly. Chun is 7-0 with five kayoes. Tyson fell to 24-3 with 12 KOs.

Eun-Ee Chung, the KBC's third-ranked junior lightweight, 132¼, stopped Il-Koo Chi, also 132¼, at 1:13 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Chung bettered his log to 11-1-1 with eight kayoes. Chi dropped to 12-5 with two KOs.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.

(6-14-87)

▶**BUKOK—Hawaii Hotel**—The headliner was called an eliminator to decide the first champion in the mini-flyweight class (the limit of which is said to be 105 pounds) newly established by the IBF.

Kyung-Youn Lee, 105, became the IBF's champ as he easily caught Masaharu Kawakami, Japan, 104¾, and disposed of him at 0:31 of the second canto in a scheduled 15-round title bout.

Lee landed a countering right to the face of Kawakami, dropping him in the first round. Though saved by the bell, the Japanese took a solid one-two and went down for the count in the next round.

Kawakami wasn't licensed by the Japanese Boxing Commission, but by a private group named IBF Japan. He might be of a caliber of a six or eight-rounder fighter. It was a mismatch that discredited the IBF title fights with fight fans in Korea.

Lee is 11-0 with four kayoes. Kawakami fell to 8-2 with six KOs.

In the semifinal, Chil-Sung Chun, an unbeaten prospect, 135, survived a standing count in Round Three, showed fast punches and footwork and earned a close, but unanimous decision over Darryl Tyson, U.S., also 135, in 10.

Tyson had beaten Jimmy Paul on points, but lost to him with Paul's IBF lightweight title at stake via a 15-round decision on August 15 last.

Darryl's solid right caught the temple of Chun in the third, and the bronze medalist in the Los Angeles Olympic Games barely lasted the round.

As the fight progressed, Tyson got tired and threw few punches. Chun refused to mix it up, and tossed jabs and one-twos from long range to overcome the points deficit. It was a hard-fought battle.

Chil-Sung Chun is 7-0 with five kayoes. Tyson is 24-3 with 12 KOs.

Un-Ie Chung, 132¼, the KBC's third-ranked lightweight, kayoed Il-Koo Chi, also 132¼, at 1:13 of the third session in a supporting 10. Chung is 11-1-1 with eight knockouts. Chi fell to 12-5 with two KOs.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.

(6-14-87)

▶**CHOCHIWON—Chochiwon Arena**—Ex-IBF world flyweight champ Bi-Won Chung, 114¼, decisioned Downrung Technicutaradit, also 114¼, in 10.

Chung is 22-5-2 with six kayoes. Downrung, the Thai top flyweight contender, is 11-2 with seven KOs.

(6-27-87)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having demolished Japanese prospect Eiji Kikuzaki via a devastating kayo in Tokyo, hard-punching Jae-Yong Park, the KBC's fourth-ranked welterweight, 148¼, suffered an upset knockout at the hands of Chan-Soo Kim, also 148¼, at 2:06 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Kim floored the heavy favorite with a left hook in the first round. Park, in Round Two, hit the deck twice more and was saved by the referee from absorbing more punishment. He was quite groggy. Park fell to 12-4-1 with 10 kayoes. Kim, the number five contender, is 6-2-1 with five KOs.

Four six-rounders were fought by Korean and Japanese rookies with all the Korean boys beating the Nipponese.

Dong-Il Kim, 129¼, decisioned Toshimitsu Ano, also 129¼, in six.

Hyung-Jin Kim, 120, outscored Yoshio Kobayashi, also 120, in six.

Ki-Chung Chang, 111¾, kayoed Yoshiro Yamaguchi, 112, at 2:41 of the second round.

Chang-Woo Hong, 107½, outscored Kazuya Shigeno, 106½, in six.

Promoter: Kampo Promotions.

(6-27-87)

▶**INCHON—Sunin Gymnasium**—Youl-Woo Lee, an up-and-coming flyweight prospect ranked 14th by the WBC, 112, won a unanimous decision over Julio Guino, a taller Panamanian, 112, in 10. Guino, the WBA's fifth-ranked contender, showed little aggressiveness and looked content to defend himself all the way. It was a dull affair. Lee is 11-0 with four kayoes.

Soon-Jung Kang, 111¾, kept his Korean flyweight title by taking a unanimous nod from Hun-Kuk Chae, 112, in a hard-fought 10.

Kang is 25-8-1 with three kayoes. Chae fell to 13-3-2 with four KOs.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.

(6-28-87)

▶**SEOUL—Palpal Gymnasium**—Fast-rising Chun Huh, Korean junior bantamweight champ, 115, displayed a fine knockout over previously unbeaten challenger Dae-Yong Park, also 115, at 2:01 in the fifth round to retain his national title in a scheduled 10.

Chun, a 5'8" hard puncher, exploded a smashing left hook and Park fell, promptly stood up, but collapsed again to be counted out—a la Trevor Berbick by Mike Tyson.

Chun Huh, a bright prospect, improved his credentials to 20-1 with 14 knockouts. He is worth being rated in the WBC's and WBA's top 10.

Park suffered his first setback and impaired to 13-1-1 with three KOs.

Jae-Ok Kim, 160, became the new Korean middleweight champ by stopping Kwang-Soo Kim, the defending titlist, 159, at 1:54 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Kim, the new champion, is 7-0 with four kayoes. Kim fell to 7-2 with three stoppages.

Promoter: Ilhwa Promotions.

(6-30-87)

▶**MASAN**—Tough puncher Oh-Kong Son, the WBC's sixth-ranked flyweight, was originally scheduled to fight a Thai champ named Petchainat Donjadee, but Son didn't appear in the morning weigh-in. The scandalous incident caused unbeaten rookie Yun-Un Chin to fight as a late substitute. Chin, 115¼, defeated Donjadee, 115½, by a unanimous decision in 10. Yun-Un is 10-0 with five kayoes. Petchainat is 23-13 with 13 kayoes.

Chong-Dae Yim, 123, outpointed Myung-Kil Pyo, 123¼, to give the latter his first defeat in 10. Yim, the KBC's eighth-ranked junior featherweight, is 11-2-2 with three KOs. Pyo, the Korean number two banty, is 8-1.

Promoter: Wonjin Promotions.

(7-4-87)

▶**SEOUL—Palpal Gymnasium**—Korean bantamweight champ Chang-Kyun Oh, 117½, showed fast jabs and strong punches in disposing of Yong-Man Cha, 118, at 1:23 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Oh kept his title in splendid fashion, dropping Cha thrice in the fatal round.

Oh is 20-4-6 with nine kayoes. Cha fell to 9-5-3 with six KOs.

Bong-Chun Park, Korean lightweight titlist at 134½, outpointed Kil-Suk Chun, 135, and retained his throne in 10.

Park is a Korean kingpin with a mediocre record, 9-9-7 with three KOs. Chun, the KBC's top contender, impaired to 8-12-1 with four kayoes. Korea appears to lack good talent in this class.

Houn-Yung Park, 127¾, decisioned Chang-Bae Ahn, the KBC's fourth-ranked featherweight, 128, in 10. Park is 12-5-4 with a kayo. Ahn fell to 10-7 with five KOs.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.

(7-4-87)

▶**SEOUL—Palpal Promotions**—The IBF world junior flyweight champ Jum-Hwan Choi, 108, scored his easiest defense as he floored Toshihiko Matsuda, 107¼, twice and for the count at 1:07 of the fourth session in a scheduled 15-rounder.

Matsuda, ex-kick boxer, showed nothing against the much shorter champ prior to the knockout. Choi caught him with wicked rights to the face. The fragile Japanese went down prone and it was over.

Jum-Hwan is 17-1 with six kayoes. Toshihiko, out of IBF Japan, dropped to 8-2 with five KOs.

Sang-Do Chung, 154, seized the vacant Korean junior middleweight title by outscoring Sung-In Lee, 153¾, in 10.

Chun, the KBC's second-ranked contender, raised his log to 11-3-2 with three kayoes. Lee impaired to 9-2 with six KOs.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.

(7-5-87)

▶**NOTES**—How many world champions does this country possess? The WBA: junior flyweight Myung-Woo Yuh (very excellent infighter) and bantamweight Chan-Yang Park (who lately dethroned Japanese Takuya Muguruma via an 11th-round TKO). The WBC: light flyweight Jung-Koo Chang (who has defended his title for the 12th time and boasts of the longest reign pound-for-pound). The IBF: mini-flyweight Kyung-Young Lee, junior flyweight Jum-Hwan Choi, junior bantamweight Tae-Il Chang, junior featherweight Seung-Hoo Lee (one of the most skillful in the Orient) and super middleweight Chong-Pal Park (who has kept his title seven times—including some tough defenses). Eight world champs! Now must be the golden era of Korean boxing. This country urges top-notchers in the same class to fight each other and hone their fists, which truly activates the hard science there.

Nam Chung, the commissioner of the KBC, announced that all the Korean champions of the IBF, except the junior featherweight kingpin Seung-Hoon Lee, should defend their titles abroad. The last IBF title bout staged in Korea was to be the IBF super middleweight champ Chong-Pal Park's defense July 26. The significant decision was made to protect the reputation of the world title fights in Korea after the bad examples of the Lee vs. Kawakami and Choi vs. Matsuda bouts.

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▶**MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Joe Hiyas, a local favorite, took a split decision over Hi-Yun Chung, the OPBF junior featherweight champ from Korea, in 12 heats to win the WBC's junior championship.

Hiyas fought cleverly according to his fight plan against the hard-punching Korean. He relied on his fast footwork and smashing counter-punches. Though Chun kept pressing the action, Hiyas proved a little more ringwise than the slower puncher.

Scoring: referee Carlos Padilla (from Las Vegas) 118-114, Hiyas; judge Captain Paulino Unico (Philippines) 118-114, Hiyas; and Yung-Bae Myung (Korea) 116-112, Chung.

This victory might activate the Filipino boxing world as there has been just one world champion, the IBF's flyweight leader, Dodie Boy Penalosa, in the Philippines.

Your correspondent's frustration is about the record of Joe Hiyas as there is great ambiguity on it. Every paper printed different numbers of wins, losses and draws 30-13-11 with five kayoes, or 29-9-8 with eight KOs, or 32-5-6, et al. In the near future the correct record will be reported in this column, if possible. The close loser Chung impaired to 22-3-1.

In the semi final, Rolando Bohol, a fast-rising flyweight prospect ranked second by the IBF, scored a unanimous decision over Ademar Amad in 10. Bohol is 20-2-2 with two knockouts. Despite his lack of convincing power, his speed and skills have made himself a bright star among fight fans.

Promoter: Galorde Enterprises.

(5-18-87)

▶**ODIONGAN, ROMBLON**—Rex Ikeda Rapiso, the IBF's 12th-ranked junior flyweight, 114, chalked up a first-round TKO over Robert Palarit, also 114, in a scheduled 10. S. Abainza refereed.

Bobby Pinos, 122, also TKO'd Carlos Castogador, 122, in the eighth round in the semifinal 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.

GAB's witnesses: Carlos Dizon & Leonardo Trinidad.

(4-1-87)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Loremer Pontino, Filipino bantamweight contender, 116, displayed his strength in stopping Ben Capagngan, 117, in the fifth round in a scheduled 12-round fight, winning the national throne.

Edwin Projo, the GAB's fifth-ranked flyweight, 112, unanimously decisioned Romy Ceniza, #4 mini-fly, 109, in 10.

Boy Romero, Filipino top junior welterweight contender, 138, won a unanimous verdict over Carlos Parcia, 135, in 10.

Danny Orega, the GAB's #10 bantam, 120, outscored Ruel Idombingo, also 120, unanimously in 10.

Bimbo Canaya, #5 junior lightie, 135, stopped Sil Arciallas, 139, in the ninth canto in a scheduled 10.

Jun Padayogdog, 136, was a TKO victor over Jun Escobal, 132, in the 10th and final stanza.

Ricky Flor, 110, won a unanimous decision over Rey Ligas, 112, in eight.

Frank Pinal, 127, eked out a split nod over Felix Sixto, 132, in six.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario, Jr.

GAB's witnesses: Estanislao Binondo & Romeo Feldaliza.

(4-4-87)

▶**SOUTH COTABATO**—Kid Kanashiro, Filipino #7 flyweight, 114, defeated tim Balantay, the #2 contender, via a unanimous decision in 10.

Elmer Cubillas, ranked second in the bantamweight class by the GAB, 120, unanimously decisioned Melchor Ardonia, also 120, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.

GAB's witness: Jaime P. Mata.

(4-4-87)

▶**CABADBARAN, AGUSAN DEL NORTE—Cabadbaran Gymnasium**—Ruel Durano, 110, took a majority decision over Terry Felisilda, 108, in 10. Thanks to this victory, Ruel got rated ninth in the junior flyweight class by the GAB. Napoleon Tavera refereed.

Danny Mapalad, 117, was awarded a split decision over Arnold Solitario, 110, in 10.

Eddie Torecampo, 122, TKO'd Elmer Adrayan, 123, in the fourth canto in a scheduled 10.

Rey Vallejos, 118, impressively knocked out Teody Torrecampo, 117, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Ponciano Jimenez.

GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.

(4-4-87)

▶**NATUBLING, BENGUET**—Joseph Chan, 122, took a unanimous decision over Con Con Duran, also 122, eight. Ray Ming Chan refereed.

Bert Chant Bumahit, 112, stopped Steve Ponan, also 112, at 2:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Leo Frank Telintelo.

GAB's witnesses: Daz Adriano & Carlos Roman.

(4-5-87)

▶**OLONGAPO CITY**—Flash Emmanuel, the GAB's #2 junior featherweight, 123, earned a unanimous verdict over Bert Granciosa, 123½, in 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Rolando Pascua, 112, was a unanimous points winner over Perez Jr., also 112, in 10.

Fred Mensdoza, 120, stopped Jun Villablanca, 120, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.

GAB's witnesses: Carlos Roman & Rey Lapena.

(4-9-87)

▶**FELIX MINES, BENGUET**—Tarjohn Miro, 112, won a unanimous nod from Lito Odiaman, 108, in six.

Flash Gulla, 116, outscored Jun Aticao, 117, in six.

Promoter: Ignacio Dagiwa.

GAB's witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Ricky F. Paulino.

(4-10-87)

▶**LAPU-LAPU CITY**—Arnulfo Melencion, 113, was awarded a majority decision over Robert Balanzuela, also 113, in 10. Luciano Babiera Jr. refereed.

Rey Tarosa, 113½, the GAB's top junior bantamweight contender, outpointed Ross Canedo, 114, in 10.

Armand Ramos, 126½, TKO'd Ner Binondo, 125½, at 0:57 of the second session of a scheduled 10.

Fidel Ymbong, 118, decisioned Gerry Trrona, 117, in six.

Promoter: Calixto Sereno.

GAB's witness: Apromiano Plenos.

(4-11-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum**—Louie Llago, Filipino #3 junior lightweight, 129, beat Sul Inting, 128, by a unanimous decision in 10. Atty. Puro Velez refereed.

Jun Generale, 110, and Bonifacio Bahian, 108, fought to a majority draw in 10.

Little Campo, 129, unanimously decisioned Victor Sagaad, 130, in 10.

Noel Toledo, the GAB's top bantam contender, 127, appeared nine pounds over his usual weight but took a split decision over Jun Placencia, #6 junior lightie, 126, in 10.

Joel Castrodes, 117, was held to a split draw by Rey Villacora, 118, in 10.

Brecs Sumatra, 117, was a unanimous victor over Felix Mantos, 117, in 10.

Jiji Javien, 118, battled to a majority draw with Flop Acenas, 119, in 10.

Dick Carlos III, 108, won a unanimous duke over Danny Mapalad, 117, in 10.

Joaquin Perez, 108, scored a sixth-round TKO over Joshua Ontic, also 108, in 10.

Promoter: Monico Galarpe.

GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.

(4-12-87)

▶**ZAMBOANGA CITY**—Lito Villaflor, 115, won a majority nod over Joseph Ladipe, also 115, in 10. Arnolfo Reyes refereed.

Flash Albert, 128, unanimously outpointed Vic Sobisa, 128, in 10.

Promoter: Diomedes Tabo-Tabo.

GAB's witness: Diomedes Tabo-Tabo.

(4-18-87)

▶**MARIKINA, METRO MANILA**—Hilbert Aragon, the GAB's #6 featherweight, 126½, defeated Diego Legante, 126½, by a unanimous decision in 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

John Calanogan, 117, TKO'd Baylon, Jr., 114¾, at 0:59 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Ador Unesto, 122, fought to a majority draw with Leo Ero, also 122, in 10.

Cris Ramos, 115, TKO's Jerry Flores, 114½, at 2:50 of the eighth and final session.

Ruben Daganan, 115, won from Dan Ardaing, 113, in six.

Lord Mariano, 117½, eked out a majority nod from Bayani Laput, 116, in six.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.

GAB's witnesses: Leonardo Trinidad & Boy Ronquillo.

(4-18-87)

▶**SALUG, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**—Mac Espanola, the GAB's #8 junior feather-weight, 122, unanimously decisioined Franco Torregosa, 123, in 10. Baby Murillo refereed.

Jun Edward, the Filipino third-ranked junior bantamweight, 114, knocked out Jimmy Kid, 114, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

War Manggubat, 128, fought to a technical draw with Bebie Ester, 129, in the third session of a scheduled six.

Bell Mananquil, 112, TKO'd Rudy Boy, 113, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Reynaldo Yabut.

GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.

(4-24-87)

▶**SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA**—Tiger Ari, the GAB's seventh-ranked featherweight, 125, took a unanimous verdict over Jojo Cayson, 125½, in 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Lion Ari, 121, decisioned Willie Bernadas, 122, in 10.

Mario Meracap, 124, won from Aquino Caparuso, also 124, in a unanimous 10.

Bonnie Sanchez, 110, outscored Lito Odiaman, 110, in six.

Fred Mendoza, 120, was a unanimous victor over Jun Rico, 120, in six.

Promoter: Gloria Villanera.

GAB's witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Leonardo Trinidad.

(4-24-87)

▶**SAN ANTONIO, NUEVA ECIJA**—Mon Desoloc, Filipino top welterweight contender, 147, won over Archie Garcia, also 147, due to disqualification against the latter's repeated intentional buttings at 2:32 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez made a good stoppage.

Steve Nerza, 118, was given a technical decision over Leo Ero, also 118, at 2:19 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

Ruben Dagangan, 114, unanimously decisioned Ed Ordonio, 114, in six.

Promoter: Pablo Abenoja.

GAB's witnesses: Carlos Roman & Ricky F. Paulino.

(4-25-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—BCF Gym**—Momong Manaay, Filipino No. 4 featherweight, 133, eked out a split decision over Elmer Pendog, 139, in 10.

Former GAB junior featherweight champ Little Bangoyan, 126, managed to take a split decision over Bert Pucay, 124½ in 10.

Albert Saxon, 132, fought to a majority draw with Boy Abuela, 129, in 10.

Roger Pilapil, the GAB's #6 junior bantam, 118, TKO'd Roy Valentino, 118, in the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Joe Badongen, 130, decisioned Rico Sacragon, 129, in eight.

Junior Danglose, 132, knocked out Manuel Catangui, 138½, in the opening canto in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Emily de la Rama.

GAB's witnesses: Vedasto Adriano & Rey Lapena.

(4-25-87)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Fernando Carupo, Filipino third-ranked junior featherweight, 123, was held to a majority draw by Noel Toledo, also 123, in 10.

Joseph Galagaran, 114, TKO'd Roger Sumampong, 111, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Nestor Pagaran, 121, stopped Nestor Baino, 126, in the 10th and final round.

Jerry Allawan, 112, halted Joel Castrodes, also 112, in the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Nelson Duran, 112, TKO'd Edward Wagas, 112, in the third session of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Engr. Andres Ong.

GAB's witnesses: Estanislao Binondo & Romeo Fordaliza.

(4-25-87)

▶**QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—Francisco Ferrer, Filipino welterweight champion, 146, fought to a technical draw with Steve Peel, 147, in the second round in a scheduled 10. Tom Evaristo refereed. Ferrer's title wasn't at stake.

Carlos Castigador, 119, unanimously decisioned Tom Ramos, also 119, in 10.

Bob Arcillas, 110½, TKO'd Emil Romano, 111½, at 2:58 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Gilbert George, 125, outscored Boy Masoay, 124, in 10.

Rizaldy Ocampo, 106, won from Nilo Endic, 106¼, in eight.

Promoter: Tomasa Pamilosa.

GAB's witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Leonardo Trinidad.

(4-25-87)

▶**IPIL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Eldie Paradero, 116, and Roger Paciones, 117, battled to a majority draw in 10. Baby Murillo refereed.

Leo Sabanal, 138, the GAB's fifth-ranked lightie, showed his power in toppling Solomon Garzon, 139, in the second round in the semifinal 10.

Rochel Canete, 119, barely decisioned Lalay Lador, 118, in six.

Rico Siodora, 116, won from Dondon Rohos, also 116, in six.

Arnold Taguran, 108, outscored Cal Espinosa, 109, in six.

Promoter: Cesar Cinco.

GAB's witness: Reyenaldo O. Galarpe.

(4-25-87)

▶**GAPOK, LAGAL, BAGUMBAYAN, SULTAN KUDARAT**—Kid Kanashiro, Filipino #7 flyweight, 112, was rendered a majority duke over Sil Diarata, also 112, in 10. De Leon refereed.

Edwin Inocencio, lately ranked eighth in the mini-flyweight class by the IBF, 108, proved too strong for Nelson Apura, 108, stopping him in the seventh round in the semi final 10.

Gilbert Albay, the GAB's #8 bantie, 118, unanimously outscored Rudy Castillon, 118, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.

(4-25-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Gymnasium**—Cesar de la Cruz, Filipino #4 junior flyweight, 110½, took a unanimous decision over Roger Gamayot, 109, in 10. Atty. Puro Velez refereed.

Ernie Ordaniza, 117, outscored Bernie Baylin, 116, in 10.

Roel Durano, 110, earned a majority nod over Joselito Castro, 109, in 10. Thanks to this triumph, Roel got rated by the GAB.

Bonnie Pahapay, 108, won over Dan Mapalad, 107, in a unanimous 10.

Jongjong Perez, 108, outpointed Ruben Inot, 108, in eight.

Victo Bentazar, 120, halted Nonoy Castro, also 105, in six.

Promoter: Joseph Denosta.

GAB's witness: Monico Galarpe.

(4-25-87)

▶**MANDAUE CITY—Floremer Cockpit Banilad**—Bonifacio Bahian, 108¾, chalked up a TKO win over Danilo Siaton, 106¾, at 2:25 of the 10th and final round. George Bitacura refereed.

Joe Guevarra, 123¼, unanimously decisioned Leroy Orbiso, 122, in 10.

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Promoter: Christopher Arnaco.
GAB's witness: Leonardo R. Angel.
(4-25-87)

▶**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Danny Ortega, the GAB's #3 bantamweight contender, 118, managed to win a majority decision over Kid Tavera, also 118, in 10.
Pepito Simblante, 118, TKO'd Ric Apatan, 118, in the fifth canto in the semifinal 10.
Danny Crisostomo, 118, fought to a technical draw with Larry Tamanal, 118, in eight.
Promoter: Benhur Bedia.
GAB's witness: Jaime P. Mata.
(4-26-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Eldie Paradero, 119, drew with Roger Paciones, 119, in 10. Baby Murillo refereed.
Leo Sabanal, 136, knocked out Solomon Garzon, also 136, in the opening canto in the semifinal 10.
Rochele Canete, 134, unanimously decisioned Lalay Lador, 134, in six.
Rico Siodora, 116, eked out a majority nod over Dondon Bohos, also 116, in six.
Arnold Taguran, 110, outscored Cal Cabillan, 110, in six.
Promoter: Cesar O. Cinco.
GAB's witness: Romeo Bernaldez.
(4-27-87)

▶**MOLAVE, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Tata Ariosa, 130, copped a unanimous duke over Alex Masecampo, 130, in 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.
Nondo Nadal, 138, TKO'd Randy Rodrigo, 138, in the second session of a scheduled 10.
Rey Villacora, 118, fought to a majority draw with Cris Bojos, 119, in 10.
Orlando Calderon, 108, also drew with Felix Mantos, 109, in 10.
Cris Sanchez, 108, barely decisioned Cal Cabillan, 108, in six.
Promoter: Berting Rodrigo.
GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.
(4-27-87)

▶**MARIGONDON—Marigondon Basketball Court**—Just six days after his shocking defeat by unheralded Tiger Ari, Jojo Cayson, 128, fought again and showed his power, stopping Rico Lequin, 128, at 2:17 of the third round in a scheduled 10. George Bitacura refereed.
Promoter: Rex Huakee Salud.
GAB's witnesses: Aproniano O. Plenos & Perfecto O. Pangilinan.
(4-30-87)

▶**OZAMIS CITY**—Flash Ursus, Filipino #2 junior lightweight contender, 131, registered a TKO triumph over Pio Kaki, 134½, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Baby Murillo refereed.
Rod Naiconi, 114, unanimously decisioned Jun Torregosa, 114, in 10.

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Dante Nagua, 120, took a majority nod over Jovito Gella, 119, in six.
Promoter: Reynaldo Yabut.
GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.
(4-30-87)

▶**MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL**—Young Rey, 112, pounded out a unanimous decision over Trifan Taralba, 112, in 10.
Geofrey Geconcillo, 112, took a majority nod from Rey Ligas, 112, in eight.
Nelson Cabig, 116, won from Joel Mayot, 116, in six.
Promoter: Rolando Ligas.
GAB's witness: Jaime P. Mata.
(4-30-87)

▶**NOTES**—Hot disputes have been caused by ex-WBC world flyweight champ Frank Cedeno's failure to appear and square off against Luisito Espinosa in the semifinal of the WBC's junior title bout May 16. Jesse Abrea, his manager, said that his boy suddenly got ill with a malfunctioning digestive system. People came to watch the interesting fight of veteran Cedeno and rising prospect Espinosa. Espinosa is called "Golden Boy" with his 13-3 record including four kayoes. Luisito kayoed Roger Pilapil, a very late substitute, in three rounds on the night.

▶**SURIGAO CITY**—Jun Generale, the GAB's second-ranked junior flyweight, 109, pounded out a unanimous decision over Erning Tinoy, 108, in 10.
Dick Carlos III refereed.
Mario Sumalinog, 118, stopped Joshua Ontic, 119, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Ben Pagalpalan, 119, unanimously decisioned Jun Tinoy, 118, in 10.
Dick Carlos Jr., 107, was a unanimous points victor over Titie Quiban, 108, in 10.
Promoter: Rogelio Lopez.
GAB's witness: Monico D. Galarpe.
(5-1-87)

▶**GUINDULMAN, BOHOL**—Dodong Virtuadazo, 122, and Jimmy Nagalaban, 123, fought to a no contest in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Referee Ver Gamutan declared the judgment.
Rey Balaba, 144½, eked out a majority decision over Tony Sato, 143, in 10.
Vic Tinaco, 103, TKO'd Ben Penote, 105, at 1:50 of the third round in a scheduled four.
Promoter: Candido Baby Caga.
GAB's witness: L.R. Angel.
(5-1-87)

▶**SURIGAO CITY**—Little Campo, the Filipino fifth-ranked junior lightweight, 126, scored a TKO win over Elmer Adrayan, 126, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Dick Carlos III refereed.
Sul Inting and Boy Escartin, both 128, fought to a technical draw in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Arnolfo Bernadez, 114, TKO'd Cel Sagusay, 114, in the sixth session of a scheduled eight.
Promoter: Penciano Jimenez.
GAB's witness: Jimmy Galarpe.
(5-5-87)

▶**MARULAS—Venezuela Cockpit**—Kid Ramirez, 113, won a unanimous decision from Eddie Bertulfo, 115, in 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Boy Selda, 108, eked out a split duke over Romy Austria, 107, in 10. Diego Lebante, 126, TKO'd Benny Castro, 127, in the third session of a scheduled eight.
Promoter: E. Catabas.
GAB's witnesses: Carlos Roman & Rey Lapena.
(5-5-87)

▶**SULTAN KUDARAT, MARIANO MARCOS**—Ex-Filipino junior bantamweight champ Ruben de la Cruz, 115, took a unanimous duke over Promise Sabu, 118, in 10.
Roy Pollard, 114, drew with Jerry Sira, 114, in 10.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
GAB's witness: Estanislao Binondo & Jimmy Mata.
(5-6-87)

▶**SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA**—Arman Ramos, the GAB's fifth-ranked junior featherweight, 123, scored a fourth-round TKO over Rudy Casicas, also 123, in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Bert Baco, 116, and John Calanogan, 117, battled to a majority draw in 10.
Carlos Castigador, 123, unanimously decisioned Bobby Pinos, 123, in 10.
Con Con Duran, 121, was given a split decision over Joe Labrador, 123, in eight.
Fred Mendoza, 120, took a majority nod over Jun Rico, 121, in six.
Mel Monsales, 120, and Sammy Ansig, 117, fought to a majority draw in six.
Promoter: Benigno Urquico.
GAB's witness: Rodrigo Perez & Carlos Dizon.
(5-8-87)

▶**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Jun Placencia, the Filipino number five junior lightweight, 128, was awarded a unanimous decision over Jessim Garzon, 128, in 10. Carlito Kid refereed.
Felix Mantos, 114, eked out a split duke from Lando Calderon, 114, in 10.
Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.
(5-13-87)

▶**DIGOS, DAVAO**—Noel Toledo, the GAB's top bantamweight contender, 122, earned a majority decision over Mario Sumalinog, 123, in 10.
Butalid refereed.
Primo Bulambao, 126, unanimously outpointed Rodrigo Dino, 126, in 10.
Nattan Ballerda, 112, drew with Ben Porticos, 112, in six.
Promoter: William Sanchez.
GAB's witness: Jimmy Mata.
(5-14-87)

▶**DIPOLOG CITY**—Ric Bonda-og, 112, impressively registered a third-round TKO over Rudy Boy Refugio, 112, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Ric Dagomo refereed.
Joseph Alberolos, 112, was rendered a split decision over Mel Garces, 111, in six.
Eddie Bantillan, 130, won over Snapy Dory Jr., 129, in the first sixer.
Promoter: Sameen Refugie.
GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.
(5-14-87)

▶**MALAYBALAY—Malyabalay Cockpit**—Jun Torregosa, 115, scored an eighth-round TKO over German Illana, 114, in a scheduled 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.
Loloc Elloren, 110, unanimously decisioned John Medina, 112, in 10.
Fighting Roger, 122, won from Mar Baguhin, also 122, in six.
Vic Tinaco, 104, outpointed Louie Roy Alaiza, 105, in six.
Promoter: Benifacie Hilario.
GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.
(5-14-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—CYO Gym**—Samuel Abaloyan, 130, gained a unanimous decision over Edgar Apatan, 126, in 10. Satur Yongco refereed.
Noli de Guia, the Filipino second-ranked welterweight contender, 150, TKO'd Fernando Gloria, 150, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Arman Pecar, the GAB's top welterweight, 140, took a unanimous nod over Leo Dollotallas, also 140, in 10.
Leo Sabanal, 130, drew with Ric Dollotallas, also 130, in 10.
Jun Estano, 114, won a unanimous nod over Jessie Cabangay, 114, in 10.
Danny Crisostoma, 118, TKO'd Roy Asungay, 119, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.
Promoter: Elpidio Elorde.
GAB's witness: Estanislao Binondo & Romeo Fordaliza.
(5-15-87)

▶**KABASALAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Tom Ramos, the GAB's sixth-ranked junior bantamweight, 118, defeated Lito Villaflor, 118, by a unanimous decision in 10. Romy Bernaldez refereed.
Flash Albert, 126, TKO'd Nerio Binondo, 126, in the eight round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Diomedes Tabotabo.
GAB's witness: Sgt. Diomedes Tabotabo.
(5-16-87)

▶**METRO MANILLA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Joe Hiyas, 121, acquired the WBC's junior championship in the super bantamweight class as he took a split decision over Hi-Yun Chung, the OPBF kingping from Korea, 121½, in 12. Carlos Padilla refereed.
Up-and-coming Rolando Bohol, 113, defeated Ademar Ahmad, 111, by a unanimous decision in 10.
Louisito Espinosa, the WBC's 28th bantamweight prospect, 118, scored a fine TKO over Roger Pilapil, 119, at 2:01 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Jun Altarejos, 107, unanimously outpointed Romy Austria, 108, in 10.
Lion Collins, 121, stopped Jorge Olan, 122, at 1:45 of the sixth session in a scheduled eight.
Rizal Ocampo, 107, earned a split nod over Nilo Endic, 108, in eight.
Lito Vasquez, 147, halted Rey Dizon, also 147, at 0:40 in the second canto of a scheduled six.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.
GAB's witness: Carlos Dizon & Leonardo Trinidad.

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Robinson Cabusao, 115, chalked up a seventh-round TKO over Bernie Baylin, also 115, in a scheduled 10. Aleria refereed.
Boy Romero, the GAB's top junior welterweight contender, 138, was a TKO winner over Victor Sagaad, 130, in the seventh session in the semifinal 10.
Jun Padayogdog, 135, won a unanimous nod over Bimbo Canaya, the GAB's ninth-ranked junior lightie, also 135, in 10.
Anthony Rendiza, the Filipino number six mini-flyweight, 105, stopped Pablo Hayle, 105, in the fourth canto in a scheduled 10.
Ricky Flor, 110, TKO'd Edgar Inocencio, 110, in the ninth round of the first 10.
Nelson Eabig, 118, drew with Robert Matagonas, also 118, in eight.
Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.
GAB's witness: Jimmy Mata & Romeo Fordaliza.
(5-16-87)

▶**LILOAN, CEBU**—Leroy Orbiso, 121, earned a majority technical decision over Tony Labrador, 124¼, at 1:53 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Eng. L. Babiera Jr. refereed.
Fidel Ymbong, 116¾, and Simson Tana, 115½, fought to a technical draw at 0:35 of the third session in a scheduled eight.
Al Ygonia, 108¼, unanimously decisioned Joseph Cortes, 107¼, in six.
Edgar Cortes, 118½, was held to a majority draw by Jerry Tarona, 118¼, in six.
Promoter: Rex Wakee Salud.
GAB's witness: Perfecto O. Pang.
(5-19-87)

▶**METRO MANILLA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Ariel Duran, the GAB's third-ranked junior lightweight, 135, scored a TKO triumph over veteran Nilo Acido, 137½, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed. Ariel, in his next fight, scored an upset second-round kayo of Sung-Yun Kim, the WBC's 10th-ranked super featherweight, in Korea June 6.
Mario Meracap, 122, won a unanimous nod over Bobby Pinos, 120, in 10.
Steve Nerza, 113½, was also a unanimous points winner over Cris Ramos, 114½, in 10.
Promoter: Rogelio Cornejo.
GAB's witness: Daz Adriano & Rudy Perez.
(5-22-87)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Elmer Cubillas, the Filipino number two bantamweight, 118, was awarded a unanimous decision over Dady Andujar, 117, in 10. De Leon refereed.
Gilbert Albay, the GAB'S #6 banty, 118, TKO'd Eddie Amad,

116, in the second session of a scheduled 10.
Allan Morre, 112, stopped Jerry Sirra, 114, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Jun Arresto, 114, polished off Deo Gregorio, 114, in the first round of the six-round opener.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
GAB's witness: Jaime P. Mata.
(5-23-87)

▶**GUINDOLMAN, BOHOL**—Erwin Guevarra, the GAB's third-ranked junior featherweight, 123, took a unanimous decision over Poker Peligrino, 123, in 10. George Bitacura refereed.
Jun Simbajon, 120, unanimously outpointed Zaldy Baguio, 120, in 10.
Promoter: Candido Cagaga.
GAB's witness: L.R. Angel.
(5-23-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum**—Cecilio Tutor, the GAB's number five junior flyweight, 108, pounded out a unanimous decision over Cesar de la Cruz, 110, in 10. Dante Busenos refereed.
Pat Bracero, the Filipino number three junior bantamweight, 118, TKO'd Billy Boy Indrina, 119, in the seventh session of a scheduled 10.
Sul Inting, the GAB's #6 featherweight, 127, won from Jun Arbas, 127, in a unanimous 10.
Ernie Ordaniza, 120, unanimously decisioned Nelson Yacapin, also 120, in 10.
Joaquin Perez, 108, eked out a split decision from Bonnie Pahapay, 108, in 10.
Kid Gella, 119, outpointed Jun Tinoy, 118, in six.
Promoter: Joel Denosta.
GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.
(5-23-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—Baguio College Foundation Gym**—Bernabe Aliping, 133, took a unanimous duke over Albert Duldulao, 132, in 10. Bruce McTavish refereed.
Sammy Baculong, 113, was given a split decision over Faustino Simbajon, 112, in 10.
John Matienza, 122, outscored Willie Bernadas, 123½, in 10.
Joe Badongen, 130, was a unanimous winner over Leo Almosa, 129, on points in 10.
Junior Danglose, 131, stopped Boy Anobling, 130, at 2:40 of the first round in a scheduled eight.
Andy Dumpayan, 121, won from Lorad Mariano, 122, in six.
Promoter: Raffy Panagan.
GAB's witness: Leonardo Trinidad & Carlos Dizon.
(5-23-87)

▶**TAMBULIG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Alex Masecampo, 128, fought to a split draw with Jessim Garzon, 128, in 10. Baby Murillo refereed.
Vic Subiza, 126, outscored Tata Ariosa, 125, in 10.
Flash Asesor, 118, won from Dondon Bohos, 118, in six.
Little Adonis, 108, outpointed Cal Cabillan, 109, in six.
Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.
(5-30-87)

▶**DAVAO—CYO Gym**—Fernando Carupo, the Filipino second-ranked junior featherweight contender, 119, chalked up a TKO win over Nestor Baino, 121, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Yongco refereed.
Boy Samson, 113, decisioned Mike Potolin, 113, in 10.
Nestor Pagaran, 118, won from Rey Ramos, 119, in 10.
Promoter: Rolando Ligas.
GAB's witness: Romeo Fordaliza & Jaime Mata.
(5-30-87)

▶**TUBA, BENGUET**—Joseph Chan, 121, was awarded a technical decision over Danny Marino, 122, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.
Ray Ming Chan refereed.
Bert Chan Bumahit, 111½, was also held to a technical draw by Tony Marciano, 112, in the first round in the four-round opener.
Promoter: Mike Maspil.
GAB's witness: Leonardo Trinidad & Daz C. Adriano.
(5-31-87)

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▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—A big upset took place as Derntup Mortemchamnan, an underdog at 113, sent Petchnarong Chorsuenanan, the TBC's sixth-ranked flyweight, 112, to the deck for the count in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Derntup is rated second in the mini-flyweight class by the TBC, but people had thought Petchnarong much stronger and powerful than the upset victor.
(6-1-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chan Rungrojana, the TBC's number two lightweight, 130, repeated a kayo win over Vinai Sorsavatdee, 128, in the fifth session of their rematch.
Chan, an American born in Thailand, had stopped Vinai in their first encounter three months before. The loser absorbed more punishment with two teeth punched out of his gory mouth.
(6-2-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ded Donjadee, the Thai #9 mini-flyweight contender, 107, easily demolished unknown rookie Sianchai Kiatsonthaya, 108, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(6-4-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Tepratum Eakchatchingchai, 118, the TBC's second-ranked junior bantamweight contender, ran his fine log to 15-1 with 11 kayoes as he disposed of simon pure Chokdee Savatdivaree, 117, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.
(6-6-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, the TBC's fourth-ranked banty, 119, came off the canvas in the third round, fought back hard and knocked out Ratanachai Sor Kongkarat, 120, ex-amateur champ of northern Thailand in the same session of a scheduled six.
It might be the "Round of the Month" in Bangkok.
Sombutryod is 31-7-1 with 27 kayoes.
(6-9-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai featherweight champ Jimmy Sithpaidang, 130, engaged in a non-title go and decisioned Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 129, the TBC's #10 junior banty, in six.
Jimmy is 8-2 with four kayoes.
(6-10-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chatmongkol Thairungreung, an old soldier at 116, made a fine comeback and knocked out Theeraphan Sithborwon, 115, the Thai #9 junior bantamweight, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(6-11-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Mai Thongburifarm, the TBC's top-ranked miniflyweight, 108, took a unanimous decision over Jomphichit Kiattavachai, 112, in six. The winner, ranked fourth by the OPBF, is 10-1 with three knockouts.
(6-13-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai mini-flyweight titlist Trang T. Bunlerd, 105, barely kept his throne as he was held to a split draw by Den Sorthanikul, also 105, in 10.
Scoring: 96-96, 97-96 for the champ, and 97-96 for the challenger.
Trang is 8-2 with two kayoes. Den is 5-0-1 with two KOs.
(6-15-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Vongvianyai, Thai top lightweight contender, 133, disposed of Aryuthaya Sithfahcamron, the TBC's #2 junior lightie, 132, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Thongberm is 34-9-1.
(6-16-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Busy campaigner Chan Rungrojana, 132, fought with a 15-day interval and found it very easy to finish Numchai Sithfahcarmron, 132, an amateurish loser, with a jab in the first minute of the opening session in a scheduled six.
Chan was scheduled to meet Thongberm Vongvianyai in his quest for the vacant Thai lightweight crown July 20.
(6-17-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saksing Singkurngthon, the TBC's #9 bantamweight, 120, was badly knocked out by lefty rookie Promlikit Kiatvichian, 119, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.
(6-18-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakda Srirachamahanakorn, the Thai #8 miniflyweight, 107, decisioned Lanthong Chalothon, 107, in six.
(6-19-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Tepratum Easkchatchingchai, the TBC's top junior bantamweight contender, 118, easily demolished unknown victim Dumthamil Savadivaree, 114, in the first minute of the opening canto in a scheduled six.
(6-23-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—The WBA world junior bantamweight champ Kaosai Galaxy, 118, fought a tune-up go and knocked out Korean Jung-Sap Chun, the KBC's #5 banty, 118, in the third round of a scheduled 10.
Kaosai raised his log to 33-1 with 30 kayoes.
In a supporting 10, Kaokor Galaxy, Kaosai's twin brother and the WBA's fifth-ranked bantamweight, 120, stopped American Tony Pruit, reportedly the champ in Missouri, 120, at 0:53 of the eighth round.
The stoppage was jeered as the referee halted the proceedings at Tony's first visit to the canvas without taking any count.
Kaokor is 14-0 with 11 kayoes.
(6-25-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Veerachai Vongprasert, the TBC's #9 flyweight, 114, stopped Raengsiri Kiatprarop, 113, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(6-27-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pornmongkol Hormahachai, 112, the Thai eight-ranked junior bantamweight, 112, kayoed Kiatchai Singtrikpai, 112, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(6-29-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Dangnuen Kiat R.D., 118, became the new Thai bantamweight champion as he defeated Noree Jokkygym, also 118, by a unanimous decision to win the vacant crown in 10.
Dangnuen proved too fast and skillful for Noree, the promoter's pet boy, piling up enough points to win. Scoring: 99-95, 99-96 and 98-84, all for the previously top-ranked contender. Dangnuen is 17-6 with seven kayoes.
(5-28-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samor Luedayuthaya, 132, returned to ring action and finished unknown rookie Pohpetch Kiatvichai, 131, in the second round of a scheduled six.
This comeback victory carried Samor to the fourth ranking in the lightweight division by the TBC.
(5-3-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, the TBC's third-ranked bantamweight, 122, won a unanimous decision over Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, also 122, in six. Eak is 15-9 with eight kayoes.
(5-4-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Mai Thonburifarm, the TBC's top-ranked miniflyweight, outpointed Ratanachai Jockyjim in six. Mai improved his log to 9-1 with three kayoes.
(5-9-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Den Sorthanikul, the TBC's fourth-ranked mini-flyweight, 107, ran his unbeaten log to 5-0 with two kayoes as he scored an upset decision over Thai champ Trang T. Bunlerd, also 107, in a non-title six. They met again with the Thai crown at stake June 15.
(5-13-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thanjai Kiathavatchai, the TBC's fifth-ranked mini-flyweight, 110, appeared after his previous kayo defeat by the OPBF champ Samuth Sithnapuepol last April and unanimously decisioned Lunsamuth Kiatkriengkrai, 108, in six.
(5-14-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, the WBA's fifth-ranked bantamweight, recently relinquished his national title. Kaokor, 119, stopped Ben Capagngan, the Filipino Commission GAB's ninth-ranked contender, 120, at 0:43 of the second round in a scheduled 10.
(5-17-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chatmongkol Thairungrong, a 26-year-old veteran, 115, engaged in his second comeback fight and knocked out Vathanasak Sathiragym, 114, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Chatmongkol is now ranked third in the flyweight class by the TBC.
(5-18-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Unbeaten ex-Thai junior bantamweight champ Prabthoranee Luklampakchee, 117, lately made a fine comeback to be re-rated by the TBC, but he sustained an unexpected kayo by Chalow Muangsurin, Thai #10 bantamweight, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Chalow had not fought in international style fights, but his solid punches produced a big upset. He boosted his log to 17-4 with eight knockouts. Prabthoranee impaired to 22-1 with 17 KOs.
(5-19-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downrung Technicutaradit, a Thai perennial top flyweight contender, 114, took a unanimous nod from Somchai Kiatsonthaya, also 114, in six. The winner is 11-2 with six kayoes. Downrung had dropped an upset decision to Petchainat Donjadee in his previous eliminator for the TBC's vacant title.
(5-21-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Tepratum Eakchatchingchai, the TBC's second-ranked junior bantamweight, 118, easily knocked out unknown victim Daoloy S. Tantong, 123, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(5-22-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchainat Donjadee, the newly crowned Thai flyweight champ, 114, fought a non-title go and was unexpectedly knocked out by Yuenyong Sithprasong, 114, in the second round of a scheduled six. Yuenyong was previously rated by the WBA, but he suffered a bad kayo by ex-WBC world flyweight boss Frank Cedeno two years ago. Since then, he suffered a series of defeats, but his rough power produced an upset. He is 16-5 with 15 knockouts.
(5-25-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yingyai Petchvihar, the TBC's fourth-ranked junior featherweight, lost to Rungdej Thanakorn, the top contender, in six. Rungdej, the underdog despite his higher rank, is 10-5-2 with nine kayoes.
(5-26-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samor Luedayuthaya, the TBC's third-ranked lightweight, 132, polished off Pohchai Kiatvichai, a simon pure at 131, at one minute of the opening canto in a scheduled six.
In the night card, Superboy Eakvat, the TBC's third-ranked contender, 129, found it very easy to dispose of Virash Sithvichai, 130, in the third stanza in a scheduled six.
(5-30-87)

▶**NOTES**—Former WBC super bantamweight champion Samart Payakarun, ashamed of his bad defeat by Jeff Fenech May 8, entered a Buddhist priesthood by having all his hair cut. Samart, who looks like Marvin Hagler, will be inactive for awhile.
Kaosai Galaxy, the WBA junior bantamweight champion, was scheduled to meet Sugar Rojas in Miami, Florida. Kaosai suffered an injury and his manager Nivat asked for a postponement, but the promoter refused to put off the card. Nivat paid a $10,000 penalty and cancelled his champ's title defense.

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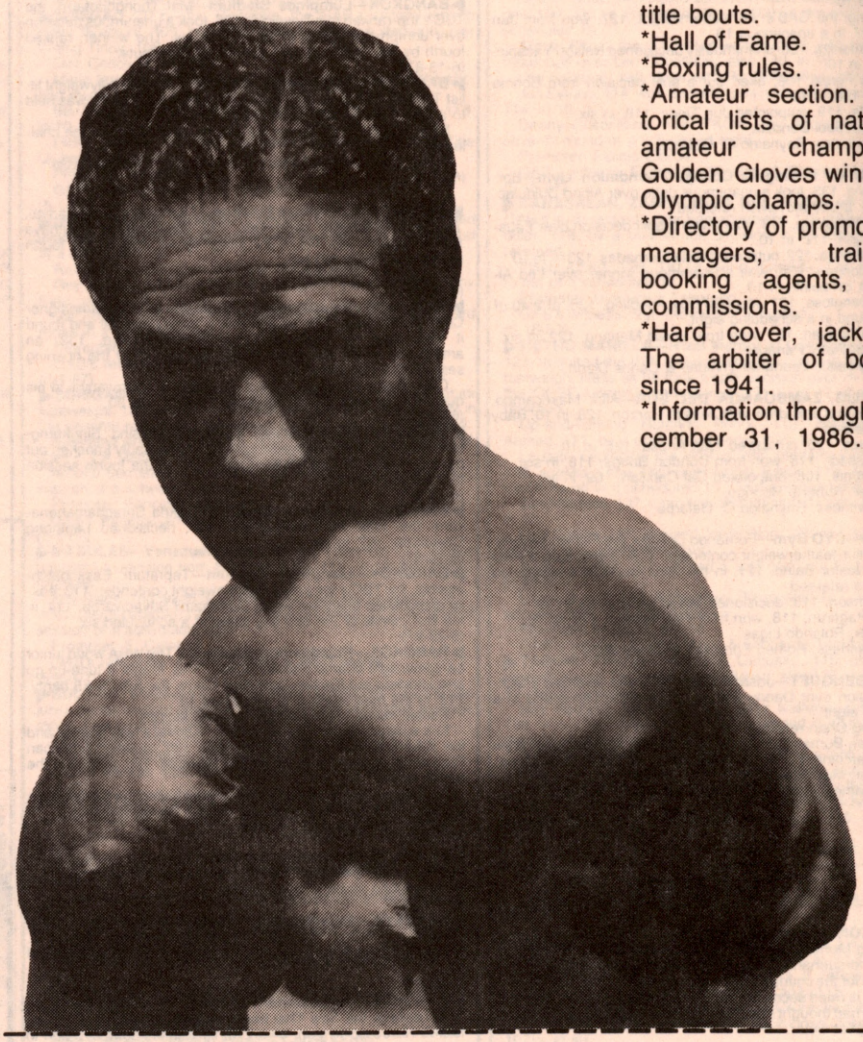

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BY PHILL MARDER

This month "The Answerman" gives reader Kevin Harrison the low-down on former heavyweight contender Joe Baksi.

Q: I would like some information on Marvelous Marvin Hagler's fight against Juan Roldan. In Round One, referee Tony Perez ruled Marvin was knocked down. Although most observers viewed it as a slip and push, Perez gave Marvin a mandatory eight count. After, Hagler's people claimed to have Perez' decision changed by a higher authority. Could you tell me if a committee met and overruled Perez' decision?

DENNIS SYLVIA
Fairhaven, MA

A: *An off-balance Hagler was tagged by a Roldan right in the opening round and briefly visited the canvas. It was counted as an official knockdown, the only knockdown listed against Hagler.*

Q: I recently saw a tape of old fights. Was it customary to touch gloves when a knockdown occurred as in the Charlie Fusari-Sugar Ray Robinson fight? Fusari went down in the ninth.

KENNY TANNER
Halifax, Canada

A: *Not unless it would produce another knockdown.*

Q: In regards to the question of William Levine (July '87), I am sending this card photo of Sammy Dorfman. On the reverse side of the card is part of Sammy's record. I got this card in a penny arcade in Baltimore in 1929 or 1930. Now, I have a question I would like answered. Did Jack Dempsey ever fight Tommy Loughran for the heavyweight title? My friend says yes, but I am most positive and say no. Tommy Loughran fought Primo Carnera for the heavyweight title.

AL CHANEY
Port Orange, FL

A: *Thanks for the card, Al. We'll pass it along to Mr. Levine if he'll be kind enough to send us his address again. On that topic, reader David Bloch was kind enough to forward a record of the career of Hilly Levine, which we will also pass along. Unfortunately, Mr. Bloch reports that Dorfman passed away August 18, 1974. Now, to the question. Tommy Loughran fought once for the heavyweight championship, losing a 15-round decision to Primo Carnera, who outweighed Loughran by 86 pounds. Loughran never fought Jack Dempsey, but he did meet several men who held the heavyweight title. He lost an eight-round decision to Gene Tunney, won a 15-round decision over James Braddock to successfully defend his light heavyweight championship, split two bouts with Jack Sharkey, getting knocked out in three before winning a 15-round decision in the rematch, and beat Max Baer on points in 10.*

Q: My father-in-law often speaks of a fighter from his home town in Pennsylvania named Joe Baksi. Any information you have on him—his record, background, fighting style, etc., would be appreciated. Also would you know of any tapes of Baksi?

KEVIN HARRISON
Maspeth, NY

A: *Joe Baksi was a Polish-American heavyweight born January 14, 1922, in Kulpmont, Pa. He stood 6-1 and was billed out of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. at times. Baksi compiled a 59-9-4 record with 28 knockouts between 1940 and 1954. Baksi never fought for the world championship, but did meet Jersey Joe Walcott, losing a 10-round decision in 1945, and Ezzard Charles, who knocked him out in 11 rounds in 1948, the only time Baksi was stopped.*

Q: Has Dwight Muhammad Qawi, formerly Dwight Braxton, ever fought and beaten either Michael or Leon Spinks?

PATRICK TRAVERS
Baltimore, MD

A: *Dwight Muhammad Qawi, who held the WBC light heavyweight title, met Michael Spinks in Atlantic City March 18, 1983. Spinks, who held the WBA championship, gained recognition as world champion with a 15-round decision win. Qawi went on to win the WBA junior heavyweight title, defending it against Leon March 23, 1986. Qawi won easily, stopping Leon in six.* □

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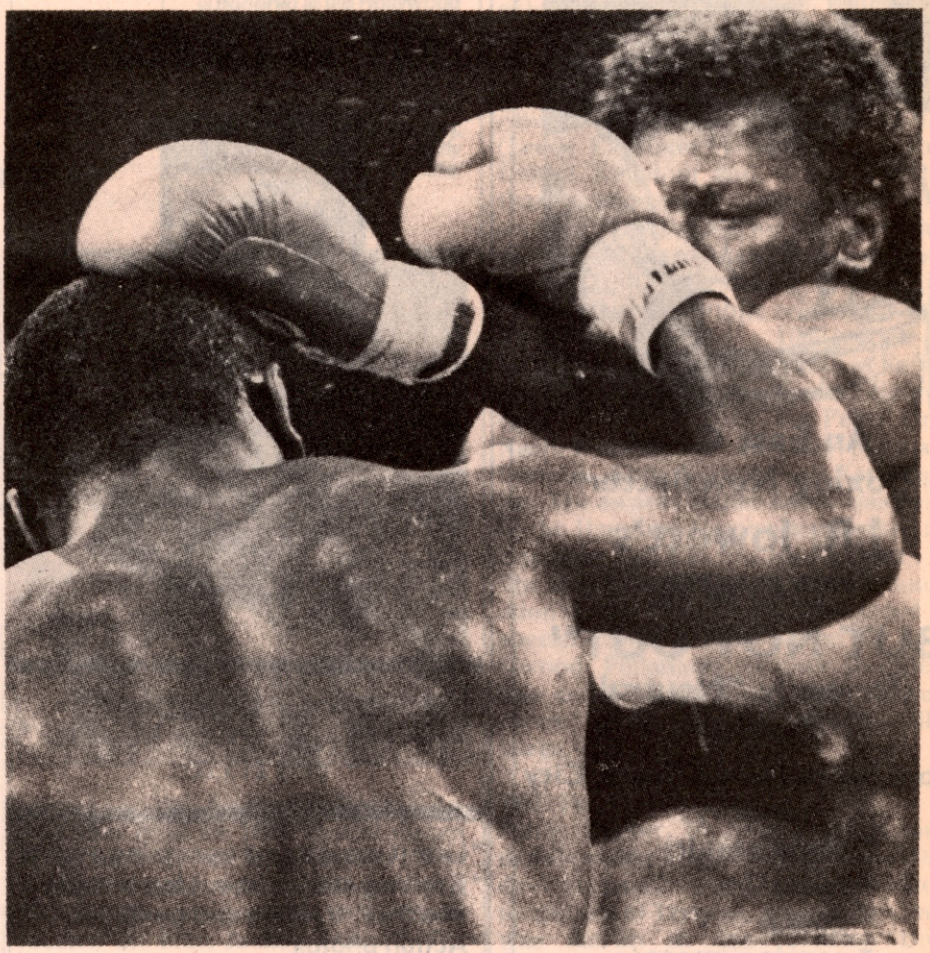

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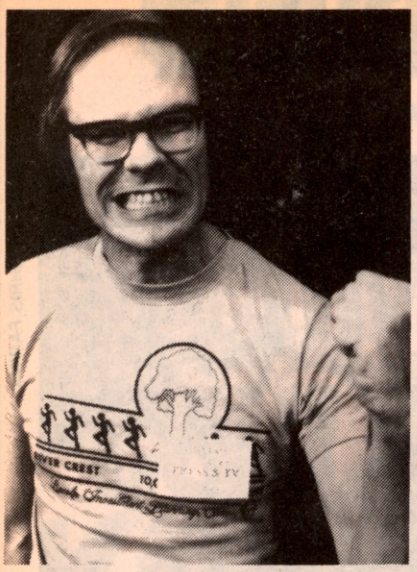

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by Charlie Spina

Sugar Ray Robinson (center) is honored at the Hollywood Palladium. Other guests included: former welterweight kingpin Jimmy McLarnin (back row to the left), former lightweight champ Ike Williams (next to McLarnin), retired wrestler Count Billy Varga and Ray's wife, Millie.

THE MOST POPULAR NICKNAME IN boxing has to be "Rocky" and the original "Rocky" was probably Rocky Kansas, who was born Rocco Tozzo, April 21, 1895 in Buffalo, New York.

The 5'2" Kansas began his pro career in 1911 and had an estimated 165 pro bouts in which he was the victor in all but 26 outings. Managed by Dan Rogers, Rocky fought the best of his era and more than held his own. He boxed Benny Leonard (three times), Johnny Dundee (five times), Johnny Kilbane, Lew Tendler, Willie Jackson, Jack Bernstein, Sid Terris, the Mitchell brothers (Pinky & Richie), Frankie Schoell, Phil Bloom, Joe Tiplitz, Ad Wolgast, Freddie Welsh, Charlie White, Joe Mandot, Benny Valgar, Babe Picato, Luis Vincentini, Joe Welling, plus all the other leading contenders of his day. Wow!

Kansas fought Leonard for the world title and lost a 15-round decision February 10, 1922 in New York City. When Leonard retired in 1925, Jimmy Goodrich defeated Stan Loayza for the vacant title. Then, Kansas challenged Goodrich and defeated him via a 15-round decision to win the title, December 7, 1925 in Buffalo. However, Rocky didn't hold the belt long, losing the crown to Sammy Mandell the following year on a 10-round decision.

Kansas retired after his loss to Mandell, but made an ill-advised comeback in 1932, losing a six-rounder to Joe Trippe. He passed away January 10, 1954 in his hometown of Buffalo.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES:

The 1987 Ruby Goldstein Award will be presented to Alexis Arguello at the VBA Ring 31's annual dinner/dance to be held at Miami Beach's Konover Hotel, October 11, 1987. The award was born out of love and respect for Ring 31's late president, the former "Jewel of the Ghetto," who left an enviable record of integrity as both a boxer and referee ... The Rochester Boxing Association held its 10th annual dinner at the Holiday Inn in Rochester, New York. The "main event" of the evening saw well-known publicist Irving Rudd receive the Matt Jackson Award. The dais consisted of boxing luminaries such as Willie Pep, Arguello, Sandy Saddler, Billy Conn, Carmen Basilio, Joey DeJohn, Rocky Fratto, Hal "TNT" Carroll, Tommy Hicks and George Beahon. On the same evening the following men were inducted into the Rochester Boxing Hall of Fame: Larry Allen, Wonder Lee Scott, Cliff Brone and Frankie Verna Jr.... On November 13th the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will hold its 18th dinner and induction ceremonies at the Cameo in Garfield, New Jersey. Inductees will be: Paul Minai, Al Capone, Johnny Triano, Ace Marrotta, Georgie Holzman, Tony Novello, Jimmy Dupree, Charlie "Chappie" Roberts, Joey Giardello, Emile Griffith, Bob Lee and yours truly, Charlie Spina. Posthumous inductees will be Charlie Triano and Lou Ordini ... While attending the IBF/USBA convention in Norfolk, Virginia this June, I ran into former welterweight contender Phil Moyer. Phil is now a referee and boxing judge in Oregon and runs a car wash in Portland. His brother Denny, who boxed all the best middleweights of his day, lives in San Diego, California and works in construction. Phil said Denny plans to buy a fishing boat and go into the fish business ... I was recently made a life member of LEBA (Leeds Ex-Boxer Association) in the United Kingdom and would like to thank president Johnny Durkin and secretary Les Pollard for giving me the honor ... Chico Vejar, former welterweight contender during the 50s, is now engaged in public relations work for Mutual of Omaha ... 1987 inductees into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame are: Gus Rubicini, Art Naylor, Jimmy Callura, Georgie Adler, Joe Foley, Orv Nash, Tony "Butch" Zito, Rev. Norman Bordage, Kelly Korkola and Ken Napper. The awards dinner/dance was held at the Hamilton Convention Centre in Hamilton, Ontario this past August ... The Sugar Ray Robinson Youth Foundation's 14th Teen Pageant included a special tribute to Robinson at the Hollywood Palladium. Guests included Ray and his wife Millie, Ike Williams, Jimmy McLarnin and Count Billy Varga.

THE FINAL ROUND:

Paulie Walker, 76, former welter and middleweight great of the 20s and 30s, died this past June in Brooklyn. Walker fought out of Trenton, New Jersey, and was known as the "Trenton Boy Bulldog" when he fought the likes of Joe Dundee, Young Corbett III, Benny Leonard, Teddy Yarosz, Ceferino Garcia and Ken Overland ... Dr. John M. Pizzulo, 82, of Miami, passed away May 29th. Pizzulo, who fought under the name of Mickey Nelson during the 20s, was also a well-known physician and an accomplished musician. He was a member of VBA Ring 31 ... Charles Marchetta, 87, of Hoboken, New Jersey, died June 26th. Marchetta, who boxed under the name of Hoboken Joe Dundee, fought as flyweight and bantamweight. He met the likes of Dodo Jackson, Irish Johnnie Curtin and Petey Mack. Hoboken Joe was a retired longshoreman, a member of Ring 14 and a veteran of World War II ... Billy McLarnin, 74, brother of former welterweight champ Jimmy McLarnin, died June 30 of pneumonia in Vancouver, Canada ... may they all rest in peace. □

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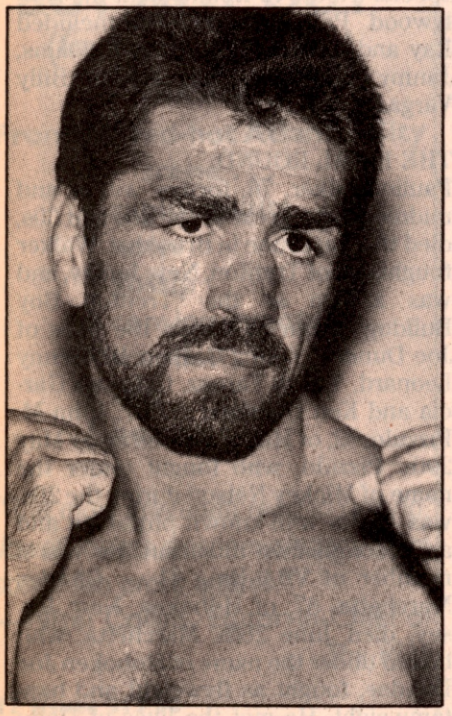
FOR THOMAS HEARNS
The "Hit Man"

Q: How do you expect to drop the 15 pounds you gained to win the WBC light heavyweight title in order to fight Roldan for the WBC middleweight crown?

W.J.M., DETROIT, MI

A: It's pretty tough. After two years as a light heavyweight you get into the habit of eating, eating, eating. You start to enjoy it. Now, I'll have to learn to go without breakfast again.



FOR VITO ANTUOFERMO
Former world middleweight champion

Q: I heard you were getting out of the pizza pie business. How come?

G.R., BROOKLYN, NY

A: It's tougher than fighting. Too much work, too many hours.

FOR CARL "THE TRUTH" WILLIAMS
Heavyweight contender

Q: I read that now you have beaten Bert Cooper you want a crack at Mike Tyson. What makes you think you could beat Iron Mike?

J.K., ALTOONA, PA

A: Cooper is just like Tyson, they're one in the same fighter. I had Cooper clocked to a T, and I'll have Tyson clocked to a T. It'll be a classic matchup.

FOR BOB ARUM
Promoter

Q: Do you think Marvelous Marvin Hagler will ever fight again?

E.F., BAYONET POINT, FL

A: Marvin is the kind of guy who has tunnel vision and deals with one problem at a time. The thing that concerns him now is his marital situation, and until that is resolved I don't think he'll think that much about boxing.

FOR MUHAMMAD ALI
"The Greatest"

Q: Who do you think will win if Michael Spinks and Mike Tyson tangle?

P.H., ANNAPOLIS, MD

A: Tyson is awesome, but Spinks might win because he keeps his distance and he can stick and move.

FOR HECTOR CAMACHO
The "Macho Man"

Q: Your career seems to be standing still. Why don't you stop talking and start fighting on a regular basis?

T.R., NEW YORK CITY

A: I'm just picking my spots. I don't care what anyone thinks of me. I've worked too hard to put my perfect record on the line for less money than I could make against a bigger-name fighter. Now that Marvin Hagler is out of the picture, I'm boxing's greatest attraction.

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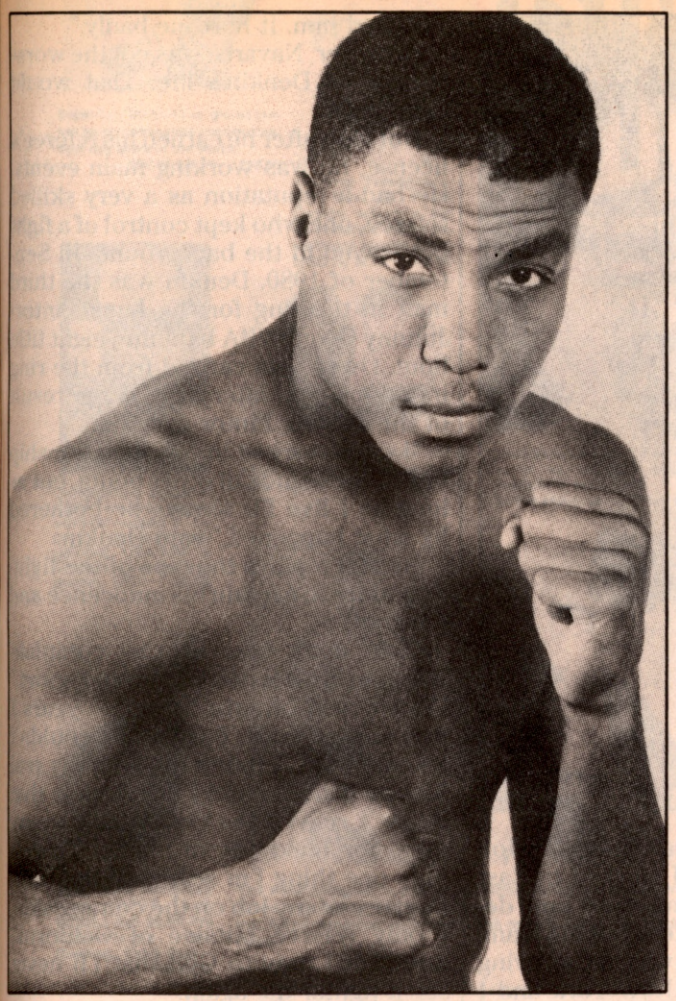
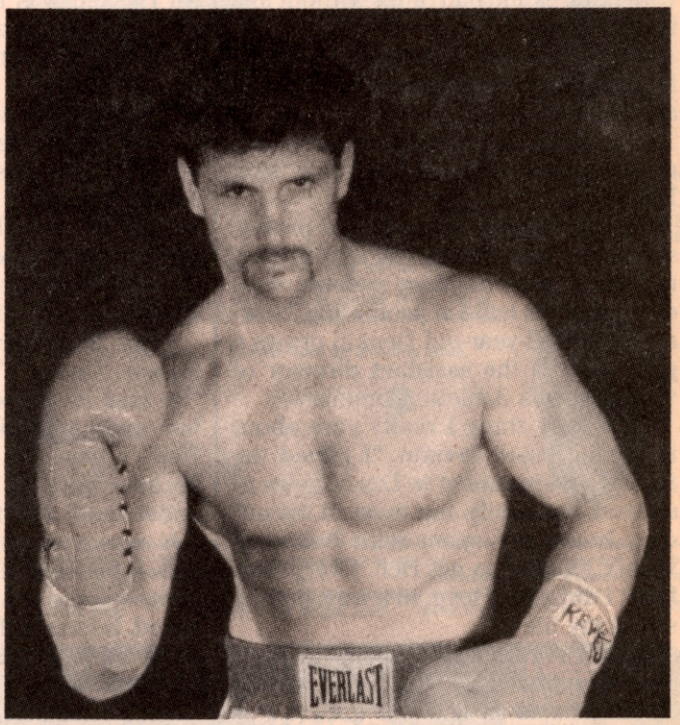


ROBERT HINES MIDDLEWEIGHT

FOLLOWING A LAYOFF OF ALMOST TWO YEARS, PHILADELphian Robert Hines, 26, has launched a comeback with impressive back-to-back knockouts over Ismael Negron and Anthony Wiley. Hines' layoff has always been hard to figure. He turned pro in March of 1981 with a four-round decision over Joe Robinson in Atlantic City and proceeded to tally 17 straight wins before Ricardo Bryant stopped him in seven rounds in an upset. Hines rebounded from his lone pro loss by beating fringe contender Kevin Howard (W10) and boxing a 10-round draw with rugged James "Hard Rock" Green in '85. Then, he suddenly quit, leaving most observers wondering why ... "Hines had as much talent as any boxer I've seen in my 17 years in the business," said promoter Russell Peltz. "But his desire and determination have always been questionable." ... A stylish boxer with a sharp punch in both hands, Hines is currently 20-1-1 with 14 KOs ... According to Hines, things will be different this time ... "I didn't have the desire before. Now, I see ordinary fighters making lots of money. It could be me out there. I'd love to fight Mark Breland." ... Peltz agrees ... "Hines has to fight top guys. That's the only way he responds. No soft touches. I've seen him embarrass world-class fighters in the gym. He can do it in a real fight, too." □

TERRY DAVIS HEAVYWEIGHT

HIS NICKNAME IS "THE TERMINATOR." RESPECTED BOXing reporter Jack Fiske of the *San Francisco Chronicle* once referred to him as a "West Coast Mike Tyson." He's Terry Davis, a 220-pound, 6′ 3″ bomber from Vallejo, California currently fighting out of Don Manuel's Los Angeles stable ... After a brief seven-bout amateur career, Davis turned pro in March of 1986 with a 36-second kayo over Rory Killen in Reno. Since then he's racked up an overall record of 8-0-1 with eight KOs (six coming in the first round). The draw came against tough Joey Christjon. ... Originally managed by Sylvester Stallone, Davis, 26, left "Rocky" when their contract expired and recently signed with veteran Manuel, who took Mike Weaver to the WBA heavyweight crown a few years back. He is comanaged by Bob Baron and Pete Brown and trained by Ray Barnes ... "He's still green, especially on defense, but he really comes to fight," reported Manuel. "He's got dynamite power in both hands, but right now he's a little right hand crazy. We also want to give him a little bit of a jab. He learns fast. In the first five days he worked with Barnes he improved 40 percent. We want to bring him along slowly, but we don't want to make another Gerry Cooney out of him." ... So far, most of Davis' bouts have been either in California or Nevada, but he might be making his East Coast debut in the near future ... "I've seen a tape of Davis and though he's a little raw, he's very exciting," said Madison Square Garden matchmaker Bob Goodman. "He's the kind of guy the New York fans would love." □



IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

MARTY DENKIN
(Boxing Commissioner & Referee)

WHEN MARTY DENKIN DIES HE WANTS to be buried dressed in his referee uniform.

Denkin fell in love with the sport of boxing when he was a kid growing up in a place he calls "the streets of New York." He tried everything he could to make it in the sport and has put up with failures and bad times without losing his passion.

When he was a skinny teenager, Marty got his first taste of boxing as an amateur.

"I was the kind of fighter who would get insulted if a guy missed me," said Denkin.

Wisely, Denkin never turned professional. Instead, he worked as a trainer, manager, matchmaker, referee and even tried his hand at promoting. Nowadays, the 53-year-old Denkin draws a paycheck as the assistant director of the California Athletic Commission.

"The only thing I really care about is boxing," said Denkin. "I joined the Sheriff's Department in Los Angeles to support my family, but most of my off-duty hours are spent with boxing. I wasn't looking to get rich. Everything I did, I did out of love. In a way, boxing saved my life.

"When I first joined the Sheriff's Department I was so small and young looking, I was assigned to undercover work in vice and narcotics in Hollywood. Years later, I worked in East L.A. investigating gang wars and decided to start an amateur boxing team. I remembered what it was like growing up on the streets of New York and I could relate to those guys.

"I wasn't looking to find pro fighters. All I asked was that they trained and had at least one amateur bout. I was a Sheriff, but what I made of myself, I owe to boxing."

Ever since he was a kid, boxing has been like a mistress to Denkin. He pursued her for years, never certain of her love. There have been times when he has had his heart broken. The first time Denkin came close to success was in the late 1960s when he managed boxers in his spare time.

"The best fighter I ever had was Ruben Navarro," Denkin said sadly. "He was 10 years old when I first met him and I was like a father to him. In 1967, I turned him pro and he soon became popular around L.A. He was undefeated and fighting main events. L.A. was a big fight city then. Ruben and I became like brothers. But he started using drugs, taking pills, doing speed. It changed him. After all we had gone through he told me I was just someone who worked for him. I had never signed him to a contract because I trusted him. It hurt me badly."

However, Navarro was not the worst sorrow of Denkin's life. That would come later.

Not long after he earned his referee's license, he was working main events. He had a reputation as a very skilled referee, one who kept control of a fight but stayed in the background. In September of 1980, Denkin was the third man in the ring for the Lupe Pintor-Johnny Owen WBA bantamweight title bout. Owen was carried from the ring in a coma and later died as the result of the beating Pintor gave him.

"I have worked in 59 championship fights, thousands of other bouts, but as long as I live I'll always be bothered by what happened," said Denkin.

He still replays the tape of the fight, desperate to explain his innocence and his grief.

"You don't hear anyone complain when an athlete dies in another sport," Denkin said bitterly. "For two years I was pushed aside, forgotten. I couldn't get any work. I found out who my real friends were ... and I didn't have that many. I relived the Owen fight in my mind for hundreds of nights. There's only one thing I'm scared about now. Because of my job on the commission, I only referee outside of California now, but I pray to God that I'll never see a fighter die again."

Denkin, his wife Rachael and their youngest daughter share a trim, one-story house on a quiet sidestreet 20 miles outside of downtown L.A. In the driveway is a Lincoln, hogging every inch from the garage door to the sidewalk. The walls of the TV room are lined with photographs and posters of the fight game. Marty wears an athletic suit around the house, and though he once fought as a junior lightweight, he does his training at the dinner table now. Few men get more enjoyment out of lounging than Marty Denkin. But despite the setbacks, it is boxing which has given him his greatest satisfaction.

"Sometimes I felt like I love boxing more than my own family," admitted Denkin when pressed. "There were times after my father died that I'd imagine he was sitting in the second row watching me work (referee) a fight. I wanted him to be proud of me. When I drive downtown to the commission office, I know I'm doing something good with my life. And after all I've been through, well, damn it, that really shows something." □

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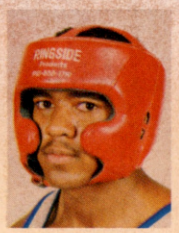

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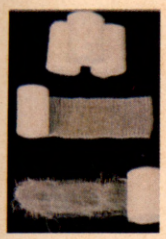

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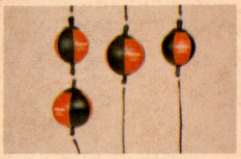

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